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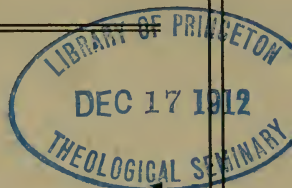
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Jewish Mission—

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REV. JOHN S. THOMPSON, D. D., Prosser, Wash.
Moderator of Synod, 1912, Morning Sun, Iowa.

MINUTES

OF THE..

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

SESSION LXXXIII.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MORNING SUN, IOWA, May 29, 1912, 10:30 a. m.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Morning Sun, Iowa, and after a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Samuel G. Shaw, from Deut. 33:6: "Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few," was constituted with prayer by him. George A. Edgar was chosen assistant Clerk pro-tem.

The roll was completed and is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver	J. C. French	James Carson
Evans	W. J. McBurney	
La Junta	E. A. Crooks	

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Bethel		John E. Wilson
Bloomington	G. R. Steel	J. R. Kennedy
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	J. H. Piper
Old Bethel	D. C. Mathews	John Marshall
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	Charles McElhinney
Selma	S. F. Kingston	
St. Louis		James Torrens
	D. S. Faris.	

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	T. C. McKnight	
Hickory Grove		Hugh Hawthorn
Hopkinton		T. J. Joseph
Lake Reno	F. E. Allen	W. A. Ewing
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Thomas McClement
Rehoboth	Geo. A. Edgar	W. W. Twinam
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	James Henderson

Vernon.....	H. G. Patterson	
Washington.....	(b) S. E. Greer.....	O. L. Samson
	Robert Clarke	
	(b) J. S. McGaw	

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah	J. T. Mitchell.....	Adam Walkinshaw
Billings	H. G. Foster	A. J. Henderson
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S..	
Clarinda	(b) H. G. McConaughy	James McKeown
Denison.....	(b) D. H. Elliott	George C. Robb
Eskridge.....	W. A. Aikin	S. F. Dill
Hebron		J. G. Stevenson
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie.....	R. J. Cathcart
Long Branch.....	(a) Paul Coleman.....	J. H. Walkinshaw
Olathe.....		W. S. Mitchell
Quinter	J. G. McElhinney	Alfred E. Graham
Sterling.....	J. Boggs Dodds	J. W. Daugherty
Superior	(b) J. M. Johnston	G. R. Tippin
Tabor.....	O. F. Thompson	Joseph Woodside
Topeka.....	A. A. Samson	
Wahoo		S. H. Carlisle
Winchester.....		James Logan
Stafford.....		James Fee
	D. H. Coulter	
	J. W. Dill	
	(b) A. J. McFarland, Jr.	
	(b) J. Ralston Wylie	
	J. D. Edgar	
	Isaiah Faris	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis.....	(b) Thomas McFall	
St. John	(b) D. B. Elsey.....	

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Barnet	D. C. Faris.....	
Boston, Second.....	J. M. Foster.....	
Bovina	W. G. Robb	F. J. Henderson
Brooklyn.....	R. C. Montgomery	W. T. Park
Cambridge.....	R. C. Reed	E. W. Morton
Coldenham	(b) Thomas Patton	G. G. McLaury
Newburg, First....	(b) J. W. F. Carlisle	Samuel Dunlap
New York, Second....	R. M. Sommerville.....	
New York, Third....	F. M. Foster.....	
Walton.....		S. P. St. John
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Belle Center	S. R. Wallace	
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	John E. Foster
Cedarville	D. O. Jack	Theodore McNaughton
Cedar Lake		D. S. Ervin
Hetherton		Knox S. McKelvy
Jonathan's Creek	R. W. Piper	
New Concord	John Coleman	J. Walker Thompson
Southfield	W. M. Robb	
United Miami		D. C. Patterson
Utica	J. G. Reed	C. W. Fravel
Detroit		James H. Summerland
	Louis Meyer	
	E. C. Mitchell	
	(b) R. A. Blair	
	W. J. Sanderson	

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	
(c) Portland	(a) F. D. Frazer	
Regina		John Muirhead
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	L. M. Samson
Seattle	T. M. Slater	J. W. Dodds
	J. S. Thompson	
	W. C. Allen	

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY

Philadelphia, 1st		James Anderson
Philadelphia, 2nd	J. C. McFeeters	George A. Calderwood
Philadelphia, 3rd	F. M. Willson	Thomas Boggs

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY .

Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	George A. McKee
Allegheny Central	John Yates	T. Sproull Trumbull
Beaver Falls, 1st		J. E. Dodds
Brookland	P. P. Boyd	
College Hill	(b) R. H. Martin	George Walker
Geneva	J. C. Slater	Robert McKnight
E. E. Pittsburg	M. M. Pearce	J. C. Calderwood
McKeesport and		
Monongahela	James McCune	
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. J. Wallace
New Alexandria		S. C. Patterson
New Castle	S. J. Johnston	James Blackwood, M. D.
North Union	(P. P. Boyd)	
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	

Parnassus	Robert Park	Mathew G. Euwer
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	T. H. Boyd
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	George Martin
Union	(A. Kilpatrick)	Milligan Kilpatrick
Wilksburg	R. J. G. McKnight	
Youngstown	A. A. Wylie	W. W. Dickey
	J. M. Coleman	
	R. J. Dodds	
	H. H. George	
	W. P. Johnston	
	J. S. Martin	
	D. C. Martin	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	W. J. McKnight	
	B. M. Sharpe	
	D. B. Willson	
	R. C. Wylie	

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte	G. M. Robb	T. T. Bowes
Lisbon	W. C. McClurkin	David Darrah
	S. M. Morrow	

Ministers Absent.—R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, J. M. Armour, J. A. Black, I. A. Blackwood, R. A. Boyd, J. F. Crozier, C. A. Dodds, S. Edgar, E. G. Elsey, E. M. Elsey, J. C. K. Faris, E. J. Feuersohn, W. S. Fulton, W. H. George, R. Hargrave, A. A. Johnston, Julius Kempf, George Kennedy, J. R. Latimer, J. M. Littlejohn, G. R. McBurney, Walter McCarroll, T. A. McIlwain, William McFarland, R. J. McIsaac, H. B. McMillan, S. McNaugher, J. L. Pinkerton, A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, T. A. Rusk, Elmer Russell, T. C. Sproull, J. R. W. Stevenson, T. P. Stevenson, J. S. Stewart, R. D. Taggart, J. R. Thompson, R. E. Willson, J. T. Wilson, J. Renwick Wylie.—Total 43.

Congregations not represented.—Greeley, Church Hill, Barnesville, Montclair, Ryegate, Cincinnati, Adamsville and Middletown, Bear Run and Mahoning, Clarksburg, Lochiel, First Boston, Content, Syracuse, and Rehoboth, Penn.—Total 14.

(a) Ordained since last meeting of Synod.

(b) Not present at the constitution of the Court.

(c) Organized since last meeting of Synod.

John S. Thompson was elected Moderator, John C. French, Clerk, and George A. Edgar, Assistant Clerk.

Synod took recess until 2:00 p. m. Prayer by R. M. Somerville.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 p. m. Synod reconvened at the above hour and was led in prayer by R. C. Reed. The roll was called and the following persons did not answer to their names: Torrens, S. E. Greer, Joseph, O. L. Samson, A. J. Henderson, McConaughy, J. M. Johnston, A. J. McFarland, Jr., J. Ralston Wylie, McKeown, Tippin, Patton, J. W. F. Carlisle, Pritchard, Blair, McLaury, Dunlap, J. G. Reed, D. C. Patterson, T. S. Trumbull, R. H. Martin, W. A. Carson.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

M. M. Pearce and D. C. Mathews were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the public press.

The deaths of J. L. McCartney and R. J. Gault were reported. The Committee on Nominations was instructed to appoint committees to prepare suitable minutes on the death of these brethren.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Revs. W. R. Sawhill, pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Washington, Iowa, and R. H. Park, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Morning Sun, Iowa.

Presbyteries were given permission to sit during the sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 a. m. to 12, and 2:00 p. m. to 4 p. m. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, 10:30 a. m.—Sermon by the retiring Moderator; Constitution of the Court; Election of Officers; report of Committee on Order of Business; report of Committee on Devotional Exercises.

2:00 p. m.—Report of Committee on Unfinished Business; of Board of Church Election; of Board of Sustentation; of Central Board of Missions.

Thursday, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Board of Jewish Mission; of Board of Foreign Missions; of Superintendents of Theological Seminary; of Covenanter Members of National Reform Executive Committee; of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

2:00 p. m.—Report of Board of Control; of Committee on Witness Bearing; of Committee on Systematic Beneficence; of Committee on Temperance.

7:30 p. m.—Conference on National Reform.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work; reports of Presbyteries; of Synod's Board of Trustees; of Mission Conference; of Board of Corporators of Geneva College; of Trustees of Geneva College.

2:00 p. m.—Report of Stated Clerk; of Committee on Sabbath Schools; of Committee on Young People's Societies.

7:30 p. m.—Conference on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Committee on State of Religion; of Committee on Psalmody; of Committee on the Sabbath.

Monday, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Committee on National Reform; of Committee on Foreign Missions; of Committee on Home Missions; of Committee on Discipline.

2:00 p. m.—Report of Committee on Travelling Fund; of Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College; of Committee on Finance; on Committee on Supplies.

Tuesday, 9:00 a. m.—Report of Committee on Church Erection; on Records of Presbyteries; on Signs of the Times; on Secret Societies; of Foreign Correspondence.

We take the liberty of recommending in connection with this report:

1. That we make a careful effort in the transaction of business to keep up as far as possible with the program, and discussions near the beginning of our meeting shall not be unduly prolonged; to the end that the business near the close of our sessions may not become congested and be hastily transacted.

2. That our morning sessions shall continue from 9:00 o'clock until 12:00, announcements being held off as far as possible until afternoon; and the aim be to make the morning session the specially effective session from a business point of view.

3. That the afternoon session begin at 1:30 o'clock and end at four o'clock. and that the time from four till six be the special time for the meeting of boards, presbyteries, and committees; and that these bodies, just named, refrain, as far as possible, from holding meetings before the morning sessions and during the noon hour.

4. That all evening conferences shall close about nine o'clock.

T. H. ACHESON,
J. S. MARTIN,
ROBERT CLARKE.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully recommend that the first thirty minutes of each morning session

be set apart for devotional exercises, and that the program for these exercises shall be as follows:

Thursday.—“Union with Christ.” Prayer that the ministry and membership of the entire Church shall come to have an ever deeper and richer experience of that vital abiding union with Christ which is the source of all efficiency and blessedness.

“Your life is hid with Christ in God.”—Col. 3:3.

THE MODERATOR.

Friday.—“Separation from Sin.” Prayer that the ministry and membership of the entire Church shall be led more and more vividly to perceive how impossible it is to stand in vital abiding union with Christ, the immaculate Son of God, without aiming and agonizing to live lives of complete separation from sin.

“Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath annointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”—Ps. 45:7.

A. KILPATRICK.

Saturday.—“Working with God.” Prayer that the ministry and membership of the entire Church shall be incited and enabled, by diligent searching of the Scriptures and a careful study of divine providence, so to enter into the mind of Christ as to utilize to the best advantage the manifold opportunities which the upheavals of society, the crumbling of empires and the disasters on land and sea are now affording the church for the spread of the gospel, and for the inculcation of those immutable moral principles which, as the logic of events is steadily proving, are the only hope of the human race.

“I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.”—Phil. 3:12.

“For we are laborers together with God.”—1 Cor. 3:9.

D. B. WILLSON.

Monday.—“Pleading for Victory.” Prayer that Christ, in union with whom we aim to stand, in obedience to whom we purpose to cultivate an abhorrence of every form of unrighteousness, in co-operation with whom we are resolved to labor, shall strike through the arrogant worldly powers, the materialistic tendencies and the detestable policies of the present day with His naked hand, and drive the spiritual hosts of wickedness from their high places in every realm of life and activity, and usher in the era of righteousness, that all nations and every inhabitant of the earth may hasten to acknowledge Him as the Prophet of the most High God, the Saviour of Men, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

“Prayer also shall be made for him continually.”—Ps. 72:15.

W. P. JOHNSTON.

Tuesday.—“Looking to the End.” Prayer that the Holy Spirit may so beautify and adorn the lives, and round out the labors, of the ministry and the membership of the Church, that each in his own appointed time may be entitled to quit his field of service with

a consciousness of having been faithful unto death, and with a full, clear, calm assurance of having obtained a right to the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2:10.

J. C. McFEETERS.

Wednesday.—"A Cry for Help." Prayer that the present meeting of Synod may prove to be a source of blessing and inspiration to the Christian people in the neighborhood of Morning Sun and to the entire church, and that the work in every department of the Church's activity may move forward during the coming year in such a way as to meet with the approval of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." —Ps. 122:7.

C. D. TRUMBULL.

W. J. MCKNIGHT,	} Committee.
A. A. WYLIE,	
W. M. ROBB,	
ROBERT ALLEN,	

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item No. 1. The Committee reported. The report adopted and the report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Your committee would respectfully report: Three folders were issued during the year; two quarterly folders and one for six months. The same plan was followed as before, Old Testament readings being used for the morning, and New Testament readings for the evening, with Sabbath School lesson and Young People's topic on Saturday. The portion of the Old Testament covered for the year extended from the beginning of Second Chronicles to Isaiah, forty-second chapter; of the New Testament, from Mark, fourteenth chapter to the end of Revelation. It is the aim to give each reading a suitable heading, and to keep the plan so plain and simple that it will result, on the part of a large number, in the regular reading every morning and evening of a substantial portion of the Word of God. When such a work is marked out beforehand, and it is understood that there will be a general purpose and effort to do it, it is evident that more will be done. The interest manifested in following this simple plan is encouraging. It is evident that the use of these folders is helping to form regular Bible-reading habits on the part of our young people and others. For one quarter during the year 2,500 copies were printed and the supply was not all exhausted. The last folder was made for six months, 2,000 being printed, and the supply fell short of the demand. If the work is continued, we suggest that at the end of the calender year a folder on specially thin paper be printed for

all the year 1913. Folders were ordered for fifty-four of our congregations during the year. The receipts for the year were \$70.89; expenditures, \$41.25, not counting postage; indicating that the price can be made lower for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. ACHESON, }
JOHN YATES, } Committee.
W. R. PORTER, }

The Committee was continued.

Item No. 2. The Committee reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF PSALMS.

The Committee on the Selection of Psalms would respectfully report, that we have taken care and made considerable effort to free the text of the New Book of Psalms from typographical errors, having carefully read proof on each edition of the book. We have also prepared a brief topical index of the text. W. J. COLEMAN,
T. H. ACHESON.

Item No. 3. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Item No. 4. The Committee reported. Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF AD INTRIM COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your committee would respectfully report, that as far as possible it has kept a list of the supplies. That shortly after the middle of the year, the committees of the various Presbyteries were counseled, and the report revised and published in the Christian Nation. Respectfully submitted,
H. G. FOSTER,
E. L. MCKNIGHT,
R. W. PIPER.

Item No. 5. The Committee reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING THE PSALTER.

After many vexatious and unavoidable delays, the first edition (1,000 copies) of the 1911 Psalter was issued in September, 1911. The demand for the book was so great that this edition was exhausted in twenty-four hours, and work was immediately started on a second edition of 2,000 copies. This was issued in January, 1912, and lasted but one day. This unprecedented demand was due in great part to judicious notices made from time to time by Mr. Tibby. A third edition will be issued about May 15th which will contain about 2,000 copies. Owing to my illness, the work of this edition devolved upon my secretary, Mr. Charles M. Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. S. METHENY, Chairman.

Item No. 6. Pending the discussion of a motion to adopt the report of the committee, and to continue it for the publication of a corrected edition, the hour for adjournment arrived.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by F. M. Foster.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 30, 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Synod convened at the above hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the following persons did not answer to their names: McBurney, McMillan, C. D. Trumbull, H. G. Patterson, Carithers, Twinam, O. F. Thompson, Fee, Sanderson, Dickey, C. M. Kilpatrick.

R. A. M. Steele was chosen precentor for the Synod. The Synod engaged in one-half hour devotional exercises, led by the Moderator.

W. P. Johnston was appointed to send letter of sympathy to T. P. Stevenson. The hour of meeting for this afternoon was changed from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock.

J. S. McGaw, D. B. Elsey, Thos. McFall, J. Ralston Wylie, and R. H. Martin appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

DISCIPLINE.—W. W. Carithers, T. M. Slater, J. M. Coleman, J. E. Wilson, Thomas McClement.

FINANCE.—R. J. G. McKnight, J. C. McFeeters, R. C. Montgomery, C. W. Fravel, J. W. Dodds.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. M. Foster, A. A. Wylie, J. D. Edgar, George C. Robb, Thomas Boggs.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—J. B. Gilmore, T. C. McKnight, R. A. Blair, John Muirhead, J. W. Daugherty.

HOME MISSIONS.—A. A. Samson, Robert Park, J. M. Johnston, J. E. Dodds, T. J. Joseph.

NATIONAL REFORM.—S. G. Shaw, J. Milligan Wylie, P. J. McDonald, T. H. Boyd, G. W. Walker.

NOMINATIONS.—W. M. Robb, J. C. Slater, F. E. Allen, Geo. A. McKee, James Carson.

SUPPLIES.—R. C. Reed, G. N. Greer, H. G. McConaughy, James Fee, John E. Foster.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.—G. M. Robb, A. J. McFarland, Jr., W. A. Aikin, James Blackwood, M. D., Geo. A. Calderwood.

TRAVELLING FUND.—F. M. Wilson and financial agents of Presbyteries.

PLACE OF MEETING.—S. J. Johnston, F. D. Frazer, O. F. Thompson, Wm. A. Carson, J. A. Forsythe.

SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.—John Coleman, J. G. Reed, J. T. Mitchell, C. Milligan Kilpatrick, J. G. McConnell.

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Colorado.—J. Boggs Dodds, Isaiah Faris, S. C. Patterson.

Kansas.—W. G. Robb, S. Kingston, R. J. Wallace.

Illinois.—R. W. Piper, James McCune, J. R. Cathcart.

Iowa.—S. G. Conner, J. G. McElhinney, J. Walker Thompson.

Ohio.—R. J. Dodds, W. C. Allen, J. C. Calderwood.

Pacific Coast.—Paul Coleman, Robert Clarke, A. Walkinshaw.

Philadelphia.—B. M. Sharp, D. O. Jack, T. Sproull Trumbull.

Pittsburg.—S. E. Greer, D. C. Faris, S. P. St. John.

New York.—E. C. Mitchell, J. M. Faris, L. M. Samson.

N. B. & N. S.—W. J. McBurney, John Coleman, S. H. Carlisle.

Rochester.—M. A. Gault, E. A. Crooks, James H. Summerland.

J. D. Edgar was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the opening sermon at Synod next year.

The retiring Moderator's sermon was requested for publication.

Papers were called for.

No. 1. Appeal of R. G. McLean from the action of the Illinois Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 2. Answer to appeal of R. G. McLean. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 3. Memorial from session of Denison congregation regarding the publication of a small edition of the Psalter. Laid on the table for the present.

No. 4. Complaint and appeal of L. M. Walkinshaw, from the decision of Commission of Colorado Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 5. Complaint and Appeal of S. A. Milligan from the action of the Commission of Colorado Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 6. Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 7. A request from the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, asking for a share of the proceeds from the sale of the Rochester church property. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 8. Invitation from the San Francisco Convention League, to meet in San Francisco in 1913. Referred to Committee on Place of Meeting.

No. 9. Report of Presbyterian Historical Society. Referred to Stated Clerk.

No. 10. Report of the Executive Commission Western Section, Presbyterian Alliance. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 11. Report of the Treasurer of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Church Election and Jewish Mission. Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and Finance.

No. 12. Memorial from the session of Lisbon congregation, with regard to the individual cup. Received and referred to a special committee.

No. 13. Memorial from the session of Lisbon congregation, with reference to the action of the Synod of 1889, relating to voting on amendments. Received and referred to a special committee.

No. 14. Petition from J. R. Cannon. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 15. Memorial from Kansas Presbytery, regarding the loan of church property. Received and referred to Committee on Discipline.

No. 16. Memorial from Kansas Presbytery, with reference to the renewal of our Church Covenant. Received and referred to a special committee.

No. 17. A communication from D. B. Willson. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A committee was appointed, consisting of the former committee, with eight elders added, to consider the action of Synod last year, in increasing the salaries of ministers; and report to this Synod, whether the action was well or ill advised.

The Board of Jewish Mission reported. Received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Finance.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and Finance.

Synod took recess until 3 o'clock. Prayer by J. E. Dodds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 3 p. m. Synod reconvened at the above hour and was led in prayer by J. M. Foster. The calling of the roll was omitted. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was received and referred to the Committees on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and Finance.

Paper No. 18. A Memorial from the students of the Theological Seminary in regard to changing the location of the Seminary was received, and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The report of the Covenanter members of the National Reform Executive Committee was received, and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The Financial Agent of the National Reform reported. The report was received and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The Board of Church Erection reported. Report was received and referred to the Committee on Church Erection and Finance.

The Board of Control reported. Report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Witness Bearing reported. Report was received and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted. Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

In connection with the adoption of this report, W. J. McKnight and J. M. Coleman addressed the Synod in the interests of Witness Bearing.

The report was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WITNESS BEARING.

During the past year the work of Witness Bearing has been carried on in much the same manner as heretofore with some advancement and under somewhat changed conditions.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight has followed his plan of giving five lectures in a course wherever this can be done. This covers the field of our more prominent distinctive principles and gives an outline of the reforms most needed in church and state. Mr. McKnight's lectures are both long and strong and it is not a little

remarkable that he holds his audience through a week of such discussions.

In former years he lectured in many of our own congregations and was able to make arrangements by correspondence; this year he has spoken most of the time outside our church and has had to solicit the opportunity to do so from strangers. Many would have supposed that such opportunity could not be secured, but in the face of this difficulty Mr. McKnight has given 156 lectures. The audiences have not been as large as in places where these principles are better known, but in the year he estimates that he has lectured to 11,000 people. Several of these lectures have been given in colleges and seminaries. Your Committee is of the opinion that this work should be done in the neighborhood of our congregations where the results in the shape of a changed and improved estimate of our position and principles may aid the work and strengthen the testimony of our own people. In such places, too, our ministers and members could aid Mr. McKnight in gaining a hearing.

The Rev. J. M. Coleman has been following up his work of lecturing in colleges and seminaries having twenty-six to his credit during the year. This means in general four lectures in each institution. In addition he has preached and lectured on reform subjects 215 times. He has invaded new country for us, having lectured in several colleges in Virginia and Kentucky. He expects in the coming year to become better acquainted in the west. The work of Mr. Coleman is a systematic effort to reach the coming leaders of public thought with the principles of the kingdom of Christ as these are to be exemplified in the coming Christian state. We think that no such far-reaching work has been done in any of our reform efforts, but it is seed sowing, not harvesting, and we must wait for the results. Seed sowing on this subject and harvest have not yet come together.

Your Committee, when it was found that the Rev. W. M. Robb could not take up the work to which he was elected by Synod, decided to choose quite a number of ministers to take part in this work for one month, each to receive his expenses and one-twelfth the yearly salary given the regular lecturers. Revs. Robb, F. E. Allen, J. G. McElhinney and W. J. Coleman each gave one month and Rev. D. C. Mathews half a month to this work, and, while some discouragements were met with, the results were remarkably good. It is a new experience for all but one and he tried a new experiment. All did good work, most of it in the neighborhood of home where the results will be felt in a stronger hold on the country around them.

We had hoped this year to have gone into the work of distributing literature much more fully than before; but the lack of time on the part of the chairman of the committee, and the fact that

funds are not coming in as we could wish, have kept us from doing more than in other years. We have supplied all demands and in addition have sent out many tracts to ministers of evangelical churches. We have kept up our supply, have recently re-issued a tract by the Rev. T. M. Slater on "Nicknaming the Sabbath," and are now printing a tract on "Reasons for Not Voting in Canada," which has been prepared at our request by the Rev. G. M. Robb. We propose in the near future to prepare a series of shorter, simpler and, if possible, more pithy leaflets on the points of our testimony, tracts that may be printed cheaply in large quantities and handed out with more freedom than we can feel in giving out that which has been produced at considerable cost.

The receipts for the year were \$2,984.94, and the balance in hand May 1st was \$996.84. Our lecturers have never been in the habit of soliciting money from our people, thinking perhaps that the people took so much interest in the presentation of our principles that they would give without being asked; neither have they been in the habit of soliciting aid from others, because it is regarded as a good deal of a strain on others to listen to our principles without paying for the privilege, and then college students are generally those who have most of their money to make, but it looks as if we would need to reach our people and others with an appeal that will sustain our work and admit of its enlargement. If we are to get the money, it looks as if we would need to go after it.

We are making arrangements to enroll all those outside our Church who attend lectures and are willing to give their names as being in sympathy with the principles presented. In addition we request the names of others known to be of the same opinion. These friends may enable us to do more and better work in the future, if we can supply them with literature and cultivate their interest in the principles they have already accepted.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That W. J. McKnight and J. M. Coleman be re-elected to the positions they now hold and on the same conditions as heretofore.

2. That our members, and especially our elders, make an effort to open the way for lectures in their own vicinity, not only by Synod's agents, but by any available speaker who will bear a faithful testimony to our principles.

3. That whenever the funds will permit, the employment of our ministers to go out and lecture for a month be approved.

4. That as the work of securing the opportunity and of speaking on our distinctive principles is very difficult, requiring the exercise of modesty and boldness, our people be urged to pray frequently and fervently for God's blessing on the workers and the work.

5. That the free use of literature, as a comparatively easy and inexpensive method of reaching the general public, be approved and that all our ministers and members be encouraged to take part in this work.

6. That the same appropriation, \$5,000, be made and our congregations be exhorted to make up the full amount, as it can all be used with great profit in the work.

The term for which J. S. Thompson, J. S. Tibby and J. H. McBurney were elected has expired. Their successors are to be chosen by this Synod.

W. J. COLEMAN,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
J. H. MCBURNEY,
R. J. G. MCKNIGHT,
JOHN C. SLATER,
OLIVER WYLIE.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was made the first order of the day for tomorrow.

The Committee on Discipline made a partial report recommending that the Santa Ana case be referred to a Judicial Commission to be appointed by the Committee on Nominations which was adopted.

Paper No. 19. Reasons of Complaint and Appeal of J. I. McCarter was received and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

E. L. McKnight was excused from attending the sessions of the court tomorrow.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

W. J. Coleman adjourned the court with prayer.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 9:00 A. M.

Synod convened at the above hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the following persons did not answer to their names: Boggs, Carithers, J. C. Calderwood, H. G. Foster, and Fravel.

J. G. Reed, D. C. Patterson, R. A. Blair, D. H. Elliott, Theodore McNaughton and James Torrens appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

One-half hour was spent in devotional exercises led by A. Kilpatrick.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon session were read and approved.

Rev. H. T. Jackson, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Ainsworth, Iowa, was introduced to the Synod and given the courtesies of the floor.

A letter from the Irish Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The special order of the day was the hearing the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The report was read. The report was re-committed, with instructions to have printed the recommendations of the report, for the use of Synod.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Referred to Committee on Finance.

The chairman of the Committee requested the privilege of withdrawing the report in order to amend it. The request was granted.

The permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. The report was made the first order of the day for this afternoon, to be taken up item by item for adoption.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was accepted.

The reports of Presbyteries were called for. They are as follows:

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held one regular and one called meeting during the year.

We have four congregations and one mission station under our care. We have eight ministers on our roll. J. T. Wilson is superannuated, H. B. McMillan is laboring under the direction of the Weld County Sabbath School Association, J. K. Robb and Samuel Edgar are missionaries to China and Syria, respectively.

W. J. McBurney was installed pastor of Evans congregation May 8th, 1912.

Elmer Russell has been laboring at Canon City during the year with a good degree of success. Greeley, our only vacancy, has a call pending on licentiate F. F. Reade. Our congregations are in good condition and manifest a good degree of interest in the church's work. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. Our travelling fund is full. We ask for no supplies for the year.

J. C. FRENCH, Clerk.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings. We have eight congregations under our care, six of which have settled pastors, and the two vacancies are anxious for a speedy settlement, one of them having a call pending. We have seven ministers on our roll; in addition to the pastors we are favored with the continued presence and counsel of the Rev. D. S. Faris, who on account of advanced age is not actively engaged in ministerial work, but who is faithful in his attendance on the meetings of Presbytery. He, together with Miss Anna George, is commended to the Board of Control for participation in the appropriate funds.

M. S. McMillan was received as a licentiate from Iowa Presbytery, and was ordained to the gospel ministry and installed as pastor of Princeton congregation by a commission of Presbytery on October 17th, 1911. He has entered upon his pastoral duties with a vigor and earnestness which promises well for the congregation and the cause of Christ.

We have one licentiate, James Boyd Tweed, who has just completed his course in the Seminary, and expects to spend the coming winter in further study across the water. He desires assignments from the Committee on Supplies for the months of July and August.

R. S. McElhinney has been taken under the care of Presbytery as a student of Theology and is recommended to the Board of Control for participation in the students' aid fund.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time. Our traveling fund quota is full. We ask the full time of one laborer for the coming year. D. C. Mathews is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. Respectfully submitted, D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular and one special meeting during the year. There were also two meetings held by the Interim Commission.

We have nine congregations under our care and twelve ministers on our roll. Seven are pastors, one is engaged in foreign mission work, one in National Reform, one in the interests of Geneva College, one is retired, and one is inactive in the service. S. T. Foster resigned the pastorate of Hopkinton congregation May 15, 1912. S. T. Foster was granted a letter of standing May 15, 1912.

W. M. Robb was certified to Ohio Presbytery.

The Misses Martha and Juliet Cannon and Miss Juliet McDonald are applicants for aid from the Board of Control.

C. D. Trumbull is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time.

Our quota to Synod's travelling fund is full.

We request the time of one laborer for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McKNIGHT, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting and the Interim Commission has been called together on seven occasions.

We have one mission station and eighteen congregations under our care. This is one congregation less than was reported last year, as the Holmwood congregation has been disorganized, owing to the removal of its members.

We enroll twenty-five ministers. Of these fourteen have pastorate, one is a missionary in the foreign field, one has retired and the remainder are without charges.

During the year, the following changes have taken place:—

W. C. Paden was given a statement of standing, and having withdrawn to the Presbyterian Church, his name was stricken from our roll.

F. M. Wilson, having accepted a call from the 3rd Philadelphia congregation, was certified to Philadelphia Presbytery, February 6th, 1912.

Paul Coleman was received from the Pittsburg Presbytery and ordained and installed pastor in the Long Branch congregation, February 15, 1912.

S. M. Morrow was received from Rochester Presbytery, May 15th, 1912. A. M. Thompson was received from Western Presbytery of Reformed Presbyterian church of Ireland, June 1st, 1912.

The time of S. M. Morrow, J. D. Edgar, J. W. Dill, A. M. Thompson, J. Ralston Wylie, Geo. R. McBurney and Isaiah Faris is at the disposal of Synod.

Isaiah Faris asks to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery, J. W. Dill asks to be assigned to the Kansas Presbytery until October 1st.

We ask for the full time of two laborers.

D. H. Coulter is recommended to the Board of Control.

Two calls are pending on J. D. Edgar, one from the congregation at Sparta, Ills., and the other from the congregation at Stafford, Kansas.

J. M. Johnston is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our quota to the travelling fund is full.

Our statistical report was forwarded to J. S. Tibby in due time. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. AIKEN, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA
PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would respectfully report: We have held two meetings during the year. In our meeting held in St. John, November 28th, James McCune was released from the pastoral care of Barnsville congregation. This leaves the congregation of Barnsville without a pastor and also considerably discouraged. There is a fairly good opportunity for mission work in this field, but the isolated situation of the congregation, with the long, hard winters, hinder the development of the field. The congregation asks for four months preaching and aid from the Domestic Mission Board.

The two other congregations in our Presbytery are under the care of pastors.

We recommend Mrs. Margaret Lawson for her share of the fund for widows and orphans.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. McFALL, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report: During the year we held one regular meeting. On April 16, 1912, R. C. Montgomery was installed pastor of the Brooklyn congregation. On the same date, Ernest Patton, a student of theology of the first year, was transferred to Pittsburg Presbytery. On May 30, 1912, Thomas Patton was, at his own request, released from the pastorate of the Coldenham congregation.

We have sixteen congregations under our care, of which three, Coldenham, Montclair and Ryegate, are vacant. D. C. Faris is stated supply at Ryegate.

We enroll nineteen ministers, of whom thirteen are pastors, three are in the foreign field, one is an invalid, one is engaged in secular employment, and the full time of one is at the disposal of Synod. We have one student of theology, William Hilton Shaw, and two licentiates, John Milton Rutherford and Frederick F. Reade. A call upon Licentiate Reade is pending. The full time of Thos. Patton, John M. Rutherford and Frederick F. Reade is at the disposal of Synod.

We recommend Mrs. Rosanna Johnston, W. H. Shaw and W. M. George to the Board of Control.

We require the full time of one laborer. John W. F. Carlisle is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time. Our traveling fund is full.

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, Clerk.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

That we have held one regular meeting during the year.

There are thirteen congregations under our care and two mission stations.

Londonderry congregation was dis-organized by the death of one of its elders. Seven congregations have settled pastors.

E. G. Elsey was released from Hetherton congregation, September 12, 1911.

W. J. McBurney was released from Fairgrove, April 30, 1912, and transferred to Colorado Presbytery. C. M. Smith was granted a letter of standing. J. G. Reed was released from Utica, May 31, 1912.

D. O. Jack was installed pastor of Cedar Lake congregation in November, and W. M. Robb pastor of Southfield congregation December 5, 1911. A call from Hetherton congregation for J. Renwick Wylie was sustained and transferred to Pittsburg Presbytery.

Of our ministers, six are without charges. E. C. Mitchell is one of our missionaries to China, and is at present in the home land on furlough. W. J. Sanderson continues his work as principal of Knox Academy, Selma, Alabama. Louis Meyer has his full time employed in religious editorial work, and wishes no appointments. E. G. Elsey is retired on account of old age, enjoying days of rest after years of faithful service.

R. A. Blair, who has been employed by the Foreign Mission Board, is to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery for the coming year.

The full time of J. G. Reed is at the disposal of Synod. Mrs. Susan Love and Mrs. Walter Wilson are recommended for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Our quota to the Travelling Fund is full. Our statistical report was forwarded.

The time of three laborers is asked for.

R. Hargrave is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

W. M. ROBB, Clerk, pro tem.

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Pacific Coast Presbytery would respectfully report: Since the organization of this Presbytery at the meeting of Synod of 1911, one pro re nata and one regular meeting have been held. We have six congregations and one mission station under our care.

A congregation was organized at Portland, Ore., by a Commission of Presbytery, Dec. 12, 1911. F. D. Frazer was ordained and installed pastor of this congregation, January 16th, 1912. The congregations of Content and Regina are without pastoral care.

T. M. Slater is chairman of Committee of Supplies.

We have eight ministers on our roll. Four are settled pastors. J. S. Thompson was received on certificate from Pittsburg Pres-

bytery. As Home Mission Secretary he has been engaged in active work within the bounds of this Presbytery practically all the year.

J. M. Armour is superannuated and recommended to the Board of Control for aid. I. A. Blackwood is at present engaged in teaching. The time of W. C. Allen is at the disposal of Synod.

We ask for the time of one and a half laborers for the next year.

Our travelling fund is paid in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. LOVE, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery respectfully reports:

During the year Philadelphia Presbytery held two regular and four special meetings.

We report three congregations, and four ministers. Each church has a pastor; Rev. E. J. Feuersohn is employed in the Jewish Mission.

The Third Church made a call in favor of Rev. F. M. Wilson, of Kansas Presbytery. Mr. Wilson accepted the call, and being transferred to this Presbytery, was installed in due form March 27, 1912.

Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D., having received a call from Brooklyn congregation, was at his own request, transferred to New York Presbytery, April 5, 1912.

The work in this part of our Covenanted Zion is not without evidence of the Lord's favor; yet we cease not to pray for greater power and larger success, to the glory of God the Father.

The statistical table has been forwarded to Synod's treasurer, Mr. J. S. Tibby. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report: Since our last report we have held two regular and two special meetings. There are twenty-six congregations under our care, twenty of which have settled pastors. We have forty-two ministers on our roll.

The following changes have taken place during the year: We record with sorrow the death of R. J. Gault on Aug. 23, 1911, at Walton, N. Y., and J. L. McCartney on Sept. 23, 1911, at Beaver Falls, Pa.

W. T. K. Thompson was received by certificate from Kansas Presbytery, and installed as pastor of Mercer congregation on Sept. 29, 1911.

James McCune was received by certificate from New Bruns-

wick and Nova Scotia Presbytery, and installed as pastor of McKeesport congregation on Dec. 20, 1911.

J. S. Thompson was released from the pastorate of Beaver Falls congregation on June 5, 1911, and at his request was certified to the Presbytery of the Pacific Coast.

A. A. Wylie accepted a call to the Syracuse congregation, and was released from the pastorate of Youngstown congregation on May 29, 1912, and was certified to Rochester Presbytery.

Licentiate F. D. Frazer was at his request certified to the Presbytery of the Pacific Coast.

Licentiate Paul Coleman accepted a call to the Long Branch congregation and was certified to Kansas Presbytery.

Our licentiates are George S. Coleman and W. M. Milroy. Our students of theology are William Carithers Coleman, Robert George Graham, Thomas Emerson Graham, Ernest Kingston Patton and James Burt Willson, who have completed the studies of of the first year.

The full time of the following licentiates and ministers is at the disposal of Synod: George S. Coleman, R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, R. J. Dodds, A. J. McFarland, Sr., B. M. Sharp, T. C. Sproull.

Presbytery asks for the time of two laborers for the year.

Robert Park, Parnassus, Pa., is the chairman of our Committee on Supplies. Our quota to Synod's Travelling Fund is full.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated clerk.

Mrs. Nancy Reed has been recommended to the Board of Control for needed aid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. SLATER, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report: During the past year we have held two regular and three called meetings. There are five congregations and one mission station under our care, and five ministers on our roll.

S. M. Morrow was released from the pastorate of Syracuse congregation April 2, 1912, and transferred to Kansas Presbytery. A call was made by Syracuse congregation on A. A. Wylie, May 24, 1912, and a Commission has been appointed to attend to his installation. Wm. McFarland's time beginning September 1, 1912, is at the disposal of Synod.

Walter C. McClurkin is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. Our quota to Synod's Travelling Fund is paid, and our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MCCLURKIN, Clerk.

Synod took recess until 1:30. D. S. Faris offered prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 1:30 p. m. Synod came together at the appointed hour, and was led in prayer by J. A. Forsythe. The roll was called and the following persons did not answer to their names: James Anderson, Blackwood, Boggs, J. W. F. Carlisle, Crooks, Dickey, R. J. Dodds, Elliott, Euwer, Isaiah Faris, D. S. Faris, J. E. Foster, J. M. Foster, Gault, S. E. Greer, A. J. Henderson, Joseph, D. C. Martin, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, McBurney, R. J. G. McKnight, Morrow, Tippin.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The order of the day being the report of the Committee on Evangelistic Work, it was taken up for consideration.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Item 5. Adopted and the nominating of the committee referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 6. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In considering the subject of evangelistic work in the Covenant church, and in reviewing the service of the past year in it, there are some things that stand out strongly in one's mind. In the first place it is certain that Covenanters, as a people, hold a thoroughly evangelistic creed. We believe in the reality of sin; the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ; a personal faith as the condition of salvation; and in the preaching of the Word as God's appointed means for leading men to faith. Such a faith is thoroughly evangelistic. Its natural conclusion is to "be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine," and to adopt every means to secure efficiency that we may "by all means save some." In addition to this it is certain that Covenanters are genuinely evangelistic in spirit. This is illustrated in our missionary activity. The missionary spirit and the evangelistic spirit are one; because both arise from the desire to bring men to Jesus Christ. And the Covenanter church has probably as strong a missionary sentiment as any church in the world. As to evangelistic work, there is probably not a member of the church who would not rejoice to see a genuine revival appearing anywhere which would lead men and women to Jesus Christ. Most of our people would be willing to make large sacrifices to prosper such a work. And yet with a thoroughly evangelistic creed, and a genuinely evangelistic spirit, it is to be confessed that we are not conspicuous for definite evangelistic activity. In the midst of a world indifferent to the Gospel, and with hearts eager to win men for

Christ, our people find themselves somehow not very generally, not very largely, not very successfully, engaged in the work of reaching the unsaved, and are continually lamenting that their deepest convictions are so seldom expressed to an unbelieving world, and their most earnest desires secure so little accomplishment. It has been remarked that there is no theme which will command the attention of our people more readily than that of personal evangelistic work. And the reason it commands their attention is probably two-fold; because it is the thing they long to do; and because it is the thing they feel somehow unable to accomplish.

These conditions emphasize the importance of three things that the committee has considered in its work to advocate and secure in our congregations. First, the organization and conduct by the pastors, of classes for the study of personal evangelistic work. Some of our congregations have conducted such classes with gratifying results. The book by R. A. Torrey, "How to Bring Men to Christ," has been accepted as the best book to guide the study and training of such a class. The work of properly approaching the unsaved is an art. Our Lord said: "I will make you fishers of men;" and we know that skilful fishermen have trained themselves in their work. So should we do in this work of the kingdom. Second, the cultivation, in every congregation, in all its work, of a thoroughly evangelistic tone and purpose; and that especially its public preaching service, its Sabbath School and its Young People's Society, should be conducted with the definite purpose of making disciples for Jesus Christ. Without that no congregation can fulfil her true mission; and with that spirit in any congregation its members will soon become ready and skilful in personal evangelistic work. Third, the making of a special effort at some time each year, by each congregation, to give special emphasis to the evangelistic message, and to gather in the fruits of its constant sowing. Whether this shall be done by giving special emphasis to this in the regular services, or by enlarging the communion service and using it for this purpose, or by arranging a special series of meetings is not important; but we believe that every year a congregation should have a time when the saving truths of the Gospel shall have special emphasis, when special prayer shall be made, and when by a concentration of effort the message of salvation shall be impressed on the hearts of those unsaved and out of Christ. These three things will, we believe, help to make every congregation an evangelistic congregation, and to bridge the way between a willing and anxious people, and an unaccomplished, and often almost unattempted task.

Last year the Synod adopted a resolution recommending that "wherever practicable the efforts of the year shall culminate in a series of special services." In accordance with this recommenda-

tion a communication was sent from the committee to every pastor urging this work and offering to be of assistance in arranging for any such services. Very few replies and requests were received in response to this, and the committee is not assured that the year has been one of the special evangelistic activity among our people. It is true that congregations may have arranged special services independently of the committee, or that congregations may have been active in evangelism without holding any special services; but by judging by what reports we have received and what we have learned through correspondence, it appears that our evangelistic activity has not been all that it ought to be.

Under the direction of the committee, services were held, however, at several places. From Stafford, Kansas, where the Rev. J. M. Wylie held services for one week, an interested listener and worker writes: "The services were splendid and highly spiritual. We felt that the Master was with us by His Spirit. A banner has been displayed because of the truth. The seed has been sown and we will await the early and latter rain." From Regina, Canada, where the Rev. J. S. Thompson conducted services for one week, comes this report: "The work of the congregation here has been brought before the people of this city in a way that it had not been before and in a way that it is hoped, by the blessing of God, will give new strength to the work. Reports of the meetings were printed daily in the leading papers of the city; all the matter furnished them being printed." From Portland, Oregon, this report was received: "It is safe to say that hundreds, perhaps thousands, had their attention called to this church and its work during the week. This of itself is of no small value. The attendance throughout was even better than had been anticipated. Actual count showed that during the time of the meetings more than eighty persons not connected with the church in any way attended one or more of these services, and many attended throughout the entire week and manifested a deep interest in the meetings." These reports we feel indicate the value of such services, and should be an encouragement to many congregations to arrange for them during the coming year. We feel that the year's work calls for and encourages larger efforts for the year to come.

The time for which the committee was appointed has expired, and the successors of all the members should be selected. We would recommend:

1. That we call upon all our pastors and congregations for increasing activity in all the work which has for its immediate object the winning of souls for Jesus Christ.

2. That presbyteries be recommended to arrange for conferences, where practicable, within their bounds, on the subject of personal evangelistic work during the coming year.

3. That classes for the study of personal evangelistic work

be recommended in every congregation where such a class can be organized and conducted.

4. That at the request of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church a committee to co-operate with similar committees of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches with a view to correspondence in regard to evangelistic work, be appointed.

5. That the Committee be made to consist of six members and that the time for which its members are appointed shall be such that the terms of two shall expire on each succeeding year.

6. That five hundred dollars be appropriated from the Domestic Mission Fund for this work.

M. M. PEARCE,
J. S. THOMPSON,
R. H. MARTIN,
J. E. DODDS.

Annual report of Trustees of Synod of The Reformed Presbyterian Church, was received and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was received and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The modern Sabbath School possesses a noticeably distinct character as a department of the church of Christ. It is evident that, from its beginning, Christ, the Head of the church, intended it to perform a work of vital importance.

God speaks to men through His providence as well as by His Word, and in some of these He speaks so plainly that Christian people, sooner or later, must listen and obey. Such was the appeal made to Robert Raikes by the needs of the tempted factory children of Gloucester, England, in response to which he provided schools for them on the Sabbath, from which developed the modern Sabbath school.

There is a significant watch-word, made use of at times, in substance this: "Back to Pentecost." The founding of the Sabbath school was a reviving of certain features of the apostolic church.

The present-day preaching service of the Sabbath is criticised by some on the ground that the sermon occupies too large a place in proportion to the exercises joined in actively and freely by the people. It must be recognized that in the services of the early Christian church generally, as brought before us in the Scriptural accounts of the meetings of Jesus and His disciples and the incidental portrayals by the New Testament writers of the church immediately following Christ's earthly ministry, there was a mutual freedom of inquiry, response and expression of conviction, not found in the present-day preaching service.

How is this apostolic freedom of Christian conference to be preserved and developed as a feature of church life and activity? Certainly not by putting other exercises, either wholly or in part, in place of the regular and fully developed sermon, which manifestly has the approval of Christ. We believe the special means of maintaining and developing this valuable and delightful feature of apostolic Christianity is to be found in a well organized and live Sabbath School accompanying the preaching service.

Another feature of the apostolic church was that of teaching. Jesus commanded His disciples, not only to preach the gospel throughout the world, but to teach it as well. He commanded them to teach it to people of all ages, the young as well as those grown to maturity, as indicated in the tender words, "Feed my lambs." In order to carry out today this direction of the Saviour there is necessary, as a simple matter of fact, in addition to the teaching of the pulpit, that afforded by the Sabbath School.

Still other features of the apostolic church were, a distinct evangelistic aim, and a purpose to build up the lives of believers. The services of the church were to be so conducted as to provide the help needed by the unlearned and unbelieving, and all things were to "be done unto edifying." Today, as then, the energies of studious, Spirit-filled Christians are not to be repressed, but directed for the accomplishing of these same blessed ends. The particular sphere of opportunity is manifestly the Sabbath School.

With the apostolic character of the work of the Sabbath School before us, we wish now to consider to what degree the Sabbath Schools of our own church are performing such a work.

On the average about three-fourths of our people, old and young, attend the Sabbath School. One congregation reports an attendance of one-sixth, another of one-fourth, while four report that all attend.

More than half the schools from which we have heard report some mission scholars, usually in the regular school, but in some instances constituting separate mission schools. The proportion of mission scholars ranges from one per cent. to eighty-five per cent.

While the Sabbath School is a conference on the truth of Christ, it is more than a conference. It is a school. And we need to see to it that it be such, not merely in name but in reality. The Sabbath Schools of our church we believe are to an encouraging degree real schools. There is in them a genuine aim to instruct. Quite a variety of lesson helps is used among the different schools, and in some cases a number of different helps in the same school. Although there are always those who stop at the statements of the lesson helps rather than studying the language of the Word of God, yet we are inclined to think that the use of these different helps indicates an earnest effort to get the lines of comment that

will be most helpful to a clear understanding of the lesson as a part of the Word of God. The Bible is emphatically the text-book in our schools, as it should be more and more. In practically all the schools the younger scholars are required to commit to memory verses of Scripture. Except in a few schools, the younger scholars at least are taught the Shorter Catechism. About one-third of the schools report some use made of the blackboard. In some schools use is also made of maps and charts. In most of the schools the children and youth join well in the praise service. For those in which they do not here is a line of training that should receive careful attention. One school in reply to the inquiry whether or not the children took part well in the praise replied, "Yes, since a praise service was conducted alone with the children for several months."

By way of suggestion we would mention, from among the things referred to in various reports as of special interest during the past year, the following: Taking part in a campaign to double the Sabbath School membership, written examinations on lessons at close of each quarter, organized classes, pastor's class in our Testimony, chalk talk to children at close of school, honor roll for memorizing Scripture and catechism.

The Sabbath School, by reason of its admitting of so much healthful variety, is capable of being made to the church a great means of educational, social and spiritual strength. It affords the most valuable opportunity for evangelistic work which our church has at the present time. To reap the full results of the Sabbath School in the building up of the church numerically and spiritually there must be active co-operation by all the members. This in many cases is yet lacking. For example, one of our best congregations reports all the children in Sabbath School, and twenty per cent. of the school mission scholars, while only two-thirds of the church members are in the school. The sight of the children and unevangelized, whom we may help by being present to fully accept Christ, should lead all who can to be in the school.

We recommend:

1. That all congregations and mission stations during the coming year conduct a definite campaign to increase the Sabbath School attendance, both from the church membership and the people outside, and that the Committee on Sabbath Schools for next year report the result at the next meeting of the Synod.

2. That Synod appoint a committee to investigate the different series of graded lessons and the published comments thereon with a view to advising our schools as to their use; and also to investigate the practicability of preparing such helps by our own church.

J. B. GILMORE,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
W. O. FERGUSON,
W. S. MITCHELL,
of Committee.

Rev. A. E. Cameron, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Morning Sun, was introduced to the Synod, and given the courtesies of the floor.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. During the discussion of this item the hour of adjournment arrived.

D. H. Coulter was granted leave of absence for tomorrow and Monday.

The answer to the appeal of Thomas Reed, L. A. Walkinshaw, J. I. McCarter and S. A. Milligan was referred to the Commission on the Santa Ana case.

Item 32, of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, was referred to the Special Committee on the Individual Cup.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Prayer by D. H. Coulter.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday, June 1st, at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Synod convened at the appointed time, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called, and the following persons did not answer to their names: Boggs, J. S. Martin, McDonald.

The Synod was led in devotional exercises by D. B. Wilson.

Minutes of Friday afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

H. G. Foster appeared and took his seat as a member of the court.

Miss Mary Adams, Miss Minta Allen and Miss Florence Mearns, laborers in the Indian Mission, were introduced to the Synod. It was a pleasure for Synod to meet these consecrated workers, and to know that Miss Adams and Miss Mearns will sail some time this fall to the Chinese and Syrian missions respectively.

Rev. D. L. McBride, pastor of the United Presbyterian con-

gregation of Winfield, Iowa, was introduced to the Synod and given the courtesies of the floor.

R. A. M. Steele was recommended to the Committee on Travelling Fund for a share in its disbursements.

The following resolution was introduced by W. J. Coleman:

Resolved, That the action of the Synod of 1889, permitting students of theology to occupy our pulpits under the direction of the pastor, be rescinded.

The discussion of this resolution was postponed for one year.

Paper No. 20. Memorial from Kansas Presbytery, on the Classification of Congregations. The Memorial was referred to the committee having the matter in charge.

Board of Sustentation reported. Report received and referred to the Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation.

The Central Board of Missions reported. Report received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Finance.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Report received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. Report received and referred to Committees on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and Finance.

P. P. Boyd was excused from the remainder of this morning session.

The report of the Mission Conference was read. Report was received and referred to Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the table, and discussed item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. During the discussion of this item the hour for adjournment arrived.

R. C. Reed was granted leave of absence for the remaining sessions of the court.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Prayer by W. J. Coleman.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, June 3d, 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Synod came to order at the appointed hour and was consti-

tuted with prayer by J. C. French. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. P. Johnston. The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected and approved.

The certificate of Rev. H. J. De Vries, of the Christian Reformed Church, as a fraternal delegate to Synod, was read, and two o'clock this afternoon fixed as the time of hearing his salutations.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report on Systematic Beneficence. After considerable discussion the report was re-committed.

A bill for printing, to the amount of \$5.75, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted. The report was re-committed in order that certain changes might be made.

Synod limited the speeches to be made on all questions, to five minutes.

J. Boggs Dodds and W. J. McKnight were appointed to address letters of sympathy to R. A. Boyd and S. A. S. Metheny, respectively.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted its revised report.

During the discussion of the report, the noon hour arrived.

Synod took recess until 1:30. Prayer by Charles McElhinney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, June 3d, 1:30 p. m.

Synod came together at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by J. P. Kennedy.

The Presbyterial roll of Synod was read and corrected for publication.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

C. D. Trumbull was appointed to address a letter of sympathy to E. G. Elsey.

A collection was ordered to be taken tomorrow morning immediately after devotional exercises to pay the janitor of the church and the typist for services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by a rising vote: Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, hereby gratefully acknowledges the generous and invaluable services of Hugh A. Clark, Musical Doctor, Professor of Music in the University of Pennsylvania, in preparation of our New Version of the Psalms, and avails itself of this, its first opportunity, to convey to Dr. Clark, through its officers our deep sense of appreciation.

Paper No. 21, bearing on the complaint and appeal of R. G. McLean, was received and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The report of the Committee on Psalmody was read and laid on the table for the present.

The hour having arrived for hearing the fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, he was introduced to the Synod and brought to the court the salutations of the Christian Reformed Church. The thanks of the Synod were extended to the delegate, and T. C. McKnight was appointed to convey the greetings of the Synod, to the Christian Reformed Synod to meet in the city of Chicago, the 19th of June next.

The Secretary of the Mission Conference announced additional items to the report which had been already received. These items were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Travelling Fund reported. The report was received and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLING FUND.

Your Committee on Travelling Fund would respectfully report:

Eleven presbyteries report one hundred and sixty-nine delegates. The amount due from congregations is \$3,501.60, and the total expenses of delegates are \$4,394.30. The fund is debtor to J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the Literary Fund to the amount of \$33.50. To meet the deficit your committee has levied the amount of \$5.50 on each delegate.

The following is given for information:

Presbyteries.	Delegates.	Expenses.	Quota.
Colorado.....	4	\$ 140 96	\$ 102 40
Illinois.....	12	199 45	278 40

Iowa	16	134 97	272 40
N. B. & N. S.	2	119 00	44 80
Kansas	36	660 70	658 40
New York	17	611 38	589 60
Ohio	19	449 26	306 00
Pacific	9	562 55	114 40
Pittsburg	43	1075 92	817 60
Philadelphia	5	207 36	205 20
Rochester	6	232 75	112 40
	<u>169</u>	<u>\$4394 30</u>	<u>\$3501 60</u>

Summary—

Quota from Congregations	\$3501 60
From delegates to meet deficit	929 50
	<u>\$4431 10</u>

Expenditures—

Expenses of Delegates	\$4394 30
Due to Literary Fund	33 57
Balance to Travelling Fund of 1913	3 23
	<u>\$4431 10</u>

Refund from Pittsburg Presbytery this year due to error in calculation	\$12 55
Total carried over to Travelling Fund of the year 1913	\$15 78

Respectfully submitted,

FINDLEY M. WILSON, Chairman,
and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted its revised report. F. M. Foster and J. C. McFeeters addressed the Synod on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions in place of R. M. Sommerville, who was excused.

E. C. Mitchell and A. J. McFarland, Jr., missionaries to China and Syria respectively, also addressed the court.

The report was then adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have examined the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board and find from beginning to end the note of triumph. The church will re-echo their sublime confidence in the royal supremacy of the reigning Mediator, who can use the war between Turkey and Italy, which is ostensibly for the possession of Tripoli, but we believe in the providence of God is a trial of strength between Mohammedanism and Romanism, in dashing these potsherds of the earth to shivers; and who can overrule the revolution in China, which resulted in the abdication of the Manchu dynasty and the establishment of a Free Constitutional Government, in breaking

down the barriers, that the gospel may have free course and His name glorified.

It is an open secret that the Powers of Europe regard Turkey as the key to their peaceful relations. And there the Church's Head has placed a band of His witnesses to His regal claims. China contains one-fourth of the world's population; and the flowery kingdom is to set the fashions for the Orient. And there the King of kings has placed another band of His faithful and true witnesses. And when the time comes for the way of the kings of the East to be made manifest and the reconstruction work begins, the Covenanters will be there with the Scriptural model of the true Christian Church and Christian state. So we see that the exalted Christ selects the field, calls His agents, clothes them with His strength, sends them to their place of service, superintends their service and accomplishes His purposes by them.

The reference in the report to the lack of consecrated funds to support the work and the scarcity of volunteers to reinforce the work, accentuates the need of prayer that our blessed Lord would pour out upon His people the Spirit of all grace. For we may be sure that when we "pray for the Spirit and in the Spirit," our prayers will prevail and the Lord of the harvest will push out laborers into the harvest, and He will also pour out upon the church the Spirit of liberal, glad and self-sacrificing giving. When we consider that our missionaries take men, women and children in their native heathen condition, and wash and clothe and heal their unkempt and diseased bodies, educate them intellectually, morally, socially, domestically, commercially, teach them the way of eternal life, and wrestle with them in prayer to God until Christ be formed in their hearts the hope of eternal life, we can in some measure appreciate this item in the report, that our missionaries have added during the year 54 native communicants, and have about 1,000 young people under daily instruction.

It is gratifying to note that the one great object kept steadily in view, is the salvation of their immortal souls by the preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ. And to think of a congregation of Greek Ansyriah Covenanters in Latakia field, another such Covenanter congregation of Greek-Armenians in Mersina, Asia Minor, another such Covenanter congregation of Greek-Armenians in Larnaca, Cyprus, and another such Covenanter congregation of Chinese in Tak-Hing-Chau, all partaking of one bread representing Christ's body and one cup representing His blood, in common with ourselves, we cannot help saying: "This is the doing of the Lord and wondrous in our eyes "

Your committee would put on record its high appreciation and admiration of the work done by the Board during the past year, and especially would we put on record the unsparing devotion of the corresponding secretary who not only for the past year, but for

thirty-two years has given his time and strength and thought and soul in self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of these Foreign Missions for Christ's sake.

Also we would make mention of the courage and endurance of our missionaries in China during the unrest incident to the disturbed condition in the field, and express our sympathy with these missionaries, and the converts who have so nobly suffered.

We recommend:

1. That the appeal of the Board for additional missionaries be commended to the church's most favorable consideration, and that pastors and sessions be counseled to encourage their young people who have the gifts and call to this service to prepare themselves for this great work.

2. That this Synod hereby recognizes the untiring, efficient services of Rev. R. A. Blair during the past three years and extend to him our most sincere thanks, and we pray that upon him and his family God's special blessing may continue to rest.

3. That Revs. F. M. Foster and J. C. McFeeters, whose time has expired, be elected their own successors. And that Rev. F. M. Wilson, Mr. R. J. Bole and Mr. S. R. Boggs be appointed to take the place of Revs. I. A. Blackwold, W. M. George and J. C. Slater.

4. That prayers and intercessions for these missions be made continually in the closet, at the family altar, in the social prayer meeting, and in public worship.

5. We earnestly recommend that the missionaries, especially the ministers designated to this work, give most earnest and faithful attention to the raising up and training of a native ministry, and that the Church be implored to be in most earnest and continuous prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon this department of the work. And furthermore that earnest prayer be made for the converts and members of the Church and their families on the various mission fields, that they may be strong in the Lord; and that soon a self-sustaining and strong native Church shall be built up.

As a nation at war will requisition all its resources in the emergency of strenuous campaign, so the Church, in the present pressure of the Holy war which the Captain of the Sacramental host is conducting in all the nations, lays upon Reformed Presbyterians the obligation that the crisis of the conflict involves. "Who knows whether we have been called to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

6. That the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to arrange for a conference on Foreign Missions on Friday evening during the next meeting of Synod.

J. M. FOSTER,
A. A. WYLIE,
J. D. EDGAR,
GEO. C. ROBB,
THOMAS BOGGS.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Lord reigns, and from His place in the midst of the throne overrules all social and political movements for the glory of God in the conversion of redeemed souls and the ultimate establishment of Christian principles in society.

Both in the Levant and in China war has been a disturbing element in our foreign missionary fields. The movements of the Italian navy in the Mediterranean did not directly interfere with the work in Turkey, but our representatives would not have been surprised at any turn of events, while the ignorant people, remembering the Moslem uprising of two or three years ago, were naturally, in common with the inhabitants of other coast towns, in almost constant unrest and fear of fancied acts of hostility. And the unlooked-for bombardment of Beirut was not calculated to allay anxiety. But the foe was restrained. In China, however, the revolution made it necessary for the missionaries to close the schools at Tak Hing and Do Sing, and seek refuge themselves from brigands, who were emboldened by the disturbed condition of the country to leave their dens to rob, and, if necessary to accomplish their purpose of robbery, to kill.

Some, we have heard, are disposed to interpret the enforced suspension of work on the West River as a providential indication that we should withdraw from the work abroad and concentrate our efforts on missionary and reform operations at home. No wiser answer can be given to this suggestion than that of Samuel Rutherford to a little congregation in Scotland that, completely disheartened by persecution, wrote to him for advice as to whether, under the circumstances, they should give up: "So long as there is any of the Lord's lost money in your town, He will not put out the candle." Better quietly to wait and watch the unfolding of the divine plan in the war. To use the illustration of Dr. Samuel Harris, in a lecture delivered in 1870 before the students of Andover Theological Seminary, on the "Characteristics of the Growth of Christ's Kingdom": "As the lictors with axes and staves went before the Roman consul to open up a way for him, and to enforce his commands, God, in His Providence, compels princes and all secular agencies to open the way for Christian truth." Certainly it is an encouraging fact that the leading figures in this Chinese revolution are either the avowed followers of Christ or in full sympathy with the principles of Christianity, such men as Sun Yat Sen, provisional President of the new republic, who was converted when attending school at Honolulu, confessed the Saviour in baptism on his return to South China, contrary to the entreaties and threats of relatives and friends, and has borne reproach and suffered worldly loss in maintaining his loyalty to Christ. And his friend Yuan Shih Kai, in whose favor he resigned the presidency, a man who, nominally a Confucianist, has often shown his appreciation of the character of Protestant missionaries

by inviting them to positions of trust and responsibility under his control, and who, when invited to a Thanksgiving service, charged his messenger to say to the missionaries from whom the invitation came, that, while he could not be with them, they might be assured that the principles they represented were the very principles that he hoped to see wrought into the government of China.

A barrier in the way of progress far more formidable than political disturbances is the obvious lack of interest in the Foreign Missions at home. A close observer, who has been visiting the congregations and seeking to awaken the Church to a sense of its responsibility, has pointed out that, while in some places there is great enthusiasm, there is none in other places, many members not knowing even the names of the missionaries or the scenes of their labors. But it is not necessary to visit the people to be assured of this. One only requires to examine and compare the official statistics of the Missions for three or four years, as published in the Minutes of Synod to find that two-thirds of the congregations are contributing about the same each year, though there is an immense enlargement of opportunity. Of course, we refer to the churches as organizations, for there are everywhere individuals who are constantly increasing their offerings, and but for these faithful stewards of the Lord's property, the work that He requires of His professing people could not be carried out. It is not simply our judgment, but the conviction of thinking men on the Boards of all denominations, that to secure satisfactory results abroad, care must be taken to strengthen the home base.

Repeated calls for volunteers—ministers, physicians and experienced teachers—to fill important positions meet with no response. All who read the story of the Titanic disaster were distressed at the loss of life, and merchants gladly contributed thousands for the relief of suffering survivors; but there is neither money nor men to save the multitudes that are dying every day, without hope, in the fields for whose evangelization we admit that we are responsible. Until the Spirit is poured out from on high in Pentecostal plentitude and power on the home Church, converting its ministers and members into men and women of fully surrendered lives, there will not be enough laborers to man the foreign stations. Until we learn to pray, not simply for, but in the Holy Spirit, the Lord of the Harvest will not raise up and thrust out men to gather the harvest. He has the same compassion on the multitudes that He sees perishing in our chosen territory in the Levant and in China as when He lamented the condition of the lost around Him during His earthly ministry and He has the same power to save that He manifested then, but He waits for prayer. When the Covenanter Church is seen on its knees and is heard saying, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and I hope in His word," then will come to us the salvation and the power and the kingdom of God and the authority of His Christ.

Department of Preaching and School Work.

Syria.—In marked contrast with the seeming indifference in the home Church is the persistent and self-sacrificing activity of its representatives in the foreign fields. Certain features of the work in Northern Syria challenge attention: The attendance at Sabbath and midweek services is so largely increased by the presence of persons not in membership that it is often difficult to provide seats for the congregation; there are 275 communicants, 24 added during the year, showing, after deducting a loss of 18 for various reasons, a net increase of 6, larger probably than in a majority of the home congregations, and the Lord's Supper was administered twice at Latakia and once at Bahamra, Gunaimia and Inkzik. There is a fair prospect of having some native ministers, as the student who has been pursuing his studies under Dr. Stewart and is said to do his work with precision and clearness, far above the average here, will be ready for licensure in the summer; and another, with the ministry of the gospel in view, has been taking the course in Church History, and has gifts that promise well for the future, and a third young man is now asking to begin in the fall. There were 103 pupils in the boys' school, 43 of them boarders, one a member of the Church at Suadia, who was graduated this year, well advanced in English as well as in Arabic, and another, a Moslem. There were 78 pupils in the girls' school, 38 of them boarders, a smaller number than in former years, for two reasons, first, an effort to reduce the number entirely dependent on the Mission for support, and, second, a refusal to take pupils from places where there are day schools until they have made a certain degree of progress under the village teachers. "Heretofore," continues the report, "it has been the constant endeavor to train pupils in the truths of the gospel, and impress upon them the personal acceptance of these truths, and the need of practical application in their lives."

Rev. S. Edgar, who had charge of the work at outstations, and has traveled about a thousand miles in doing it, writes: "The past year has been one of promise and encouragement in our work among the Fellahin. Four schools have been opened in places long closed to school work, Bahamra and Eldainey, where we have two good teachers and good attendance, an index, we trust, of greater things to be in the years to come. The work has not been without its hindrances. One school was closed because of the indifference or unwillingness of the people to fulfill their promises, and two others through complaints of disaffected persons to the government. Some of the teachers have been cited to appear before the governor; but, when the people in a village are agreed in favor of the schools, there is no interference. In all we have now 12 schools outside of Latakia, with an attendance of about 300 pupils, all schools for boys, the Fellahin having not yet waked up to the need of education for girls. The only school for girls outside of Latakia is in Gunaimia, an Ar-

menian village," in which the Board wishes to station an ordained minister. In all of these schools the teachers conduct Sabbath schools, and so "the children have a living example set before them of the day of rest given by the Lord for worship and service. It is a matter of great interest to us all to hear the Fellahin requesting teachers, and we had as many as six requests this winter, which had to be laid on the table because we did not have the right kind of teachers to place in these villages. We would not like to say that all these requests for schools indicate that the Fellahin are ready to accept the gospel, or are craving for it, or that they want to give up their heathen ways; but we do know it gives an opportunity for planting the word of God. This sowing is surely a great privilege and the real work of the Church. To get hold of the rising generation is in the minds of all experienced workers far more useful than trying to draw the old away from their former ways."

Miss Wylie, who was sent out after her brief furlough to act as city visitor, is much encouraged. The field report says that since November 1, 1911, visits have been made to 279 homes, and the Scriptures read to 423 persons. There are also social visits in which an effort is made to direct the conversation to something useful, such as duties of mothers, news of the day, and the labors of good women in Christian lands. Every effort is made to loosen bigotry and superstition, and dispel prejudice.

Thus, as Dr. Stewart remarks, our sphere of influence is slowly but surely widening.

At Suadia there should be a resident minister and a physician, and the ministers and doctors in the membership of the Church should carefully consider its claims. We transfer to this report a few items of special interest that appear in a recent letter to the Secretary: There are about 150 boys and girls under instruction, the most of them from the Greeks. There would be many also from the Fellahin, only the Sheikh forbids their attendance. One of the three male teachers is an evangelist, who, besides conducting Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meetings, spends half a day in the school teaching the higher branches and also the Bible lesson to the advanced classes. The Bible woman is at present in charge of the girls' school, but only until a suitable teacher can be secured to fill the place, when she will return to the work among the women, that important work that the late Miss Cunningham ever carried so closely to her heart, and ever kept before the throne.

The Lord's Supper was administered once, preceded by a week's evangelistic meetings, family visitations and house-to-house prayer meetings in the evening.

The Sabbath school has an attendance of about 100 boys and girls. When we remember that at first the Suadia people were afraid to trust their children in our schools, then look at this attendance today,

we can see the effect of faithful sowing and fervent prayer in the now wide open door.

It is not saying too much for Suadia when we say that a physician who understands the purpose of medical missions, and who has his heart in that work, will find a field here that will call for all his powers. The field is no narrow one, but one that shall present constant claims for sacrifice and service in every direction. We trust that the Lord will soon send two consecrated men, who shall carry on the work with the same zeal and faith that distinguished the lives of those who labored here in the past.

Asia Minor.—In Asia Minor, as in Northern Syria, the work has taxed the strength of our missionaries to the utmost, and the letters from the field contain items that call for special thanksgiving to God. Rev. R. E. Willson, who was alone during the winter, and is still occupied with the study of the language, has been able, with the assistance of the two evangelists, to keep up the preaching services on the Sabbath with a good measure of regularity, but he writes: "We are not yet able to record any great spiritual awakening for which we have been sincerely praying and which we sorely need."

The Lord's Supper was administered at Mersina, December, 1911, when there was an accession of five, four on profession of faith and one by certificate from Antioch. The services were in charge of Dr. S. H. Kennedy, of Alexandretta, who kindly came to the assistance of Mr. Wilson on that occasion. There are now 91 communicants in the field, a net increase of one.

Mr. Willson reports some encouraging features in the work at Tarsus: Large attendance at preaching services on Sabbath morning, not infrequently more than 100 present, these including representatives from nearly all the different sects, and evidently an inquiring attitude among many who attend, which is doubtless largely due to the evangelist, who is "instant in season and out of season." The reading room is described as a "dispenser of blessing," and, in the opinion of the evangelist, an important factor in the work. Many are willing to buy books, and those who buy come from many different parts of the country. In the school, as in former years, a large proportion of the pupils are Fellahin, 24 out of 63 girls and 23 out of 43 boys. It is a cheering sign of the times that in a Fellahin village not far from Tarsus a school for boys was opened by one of our members who lives in the vicinity, and it was started at the request of the village authorities, and they were anxious that provision should be made for their girls. The only limit to this kind of work seems to be the lack of suitable teachers.

There were 38 pupils in the boys' school at Mersina, 27 of them boarders, representing six religious sects. Speaking of an effort to increase tuition fees, which amounted this year to about \$250, Miss Elma French, who is in charge, remarked: "It took much insisting

to persuade the people that they could pay even that amount, and it took many a dun to get the money even after they had promised to pay it." One incident that Miss French relates will attract the attention of all who are sufficiently interested in foreign missions to read these official papers, when printed for the information of the churches: "There has been a better spirit among the boys this year than last year, and we believe it is largely due to a prayer meeting which they held every evening just before the time for the regular evening prayer and the study hour."

Miss Evadna Sterrett, now senior missionary at this station, begins her letter with these words: "Education becomes more fashionable as time goes on, but the class of people who patronize our schools do not value it highly enough to pay any great amount toward securing even a very common education for the daughters of their households."

In the school are 53 pupils, 32 of them boarders, representing four religious beliefs, and the tuition fees were only about \$237.60 with about \$13.20 for books. We recommend the young people of the home churches and their teachers to note the familiarity of the pupils with the Bible, and the pleasure with which they voluntarily combine prayer and fasting that they may have something to give for the relief of others. Details will be found in Miss Sterrett's statement, which will be published in OLIVE TREES with other field reports. With regard to her pupils, Miss Sterrett has this to say, and it is certainly worth recording: "The girls are not as serious and thoughtful as one could wish, still in incidental ways we sometimes hear of testimony bearing. Some whose parents cannot read, entertain them by reading from the Bible. Others read and tell stories to their Fellahin neighbors."

Cyprus.—There has been no increase and no decrease in the membership of the Church at Cyprus. The communicants enrolled are 27. The gospel was preached regularly and the Lord's Supper administered both in Larnaca and Nicosia during the year. Licentiate Demetriades seems to have rendered very efficient service during the winter. He is said to have prosecuted such a vigorous and successful campaign against immoral houses opposite our church in Nicosia as to win for himself the hearty commendation of Judge Holmes, and his report for one month is given as a specimen of his evangelistic work: "During March I had the opportunity to visit 33 houses and 70 shops. I spoke the Word of God to 202 Greeks, 149 Mohammedans and 80 Armenians. At the sermons in the church I had 104 hearers."

The official report is largely taken up with the story of the boys' school, which will be read with gratitude and pleasure by all who are interested in the work on the island, and we ask for it a careful perusal. The new building cost £2100. Deducting £1400 received from the Peponiades estate and £250 derived from special

donations and tuition fees, there remains a debt of £450, which is to be paid out of future tuition fees. It is hoped that generous friends of the Mission will not let Mr. McCarroll wait for three or four years for tuition fees to pay this small debt on a building which is spoken of everywhere as the finest structure in Larnaca, and one of which the Mission may justly be proud. At the opening of the building, we are told the English officials of Larnaca were present and appropriate addresses were made by Commissioner and Judge, as well as by leading representatives of the Greek and Turkish communities. The growth of the school work, both in the number of pupils and in efficiency is most remarkable under the circumstances: 90 pupils and \$825 in tuition fees, as against 60 pupils and \$650 in tuition fees a year ago. And the opposition on the part of the Greek bishop has signally failed to retard its progress. The enforced retirement of Rev. J. D. Edgar last spring, removed from the teaching staff a man who had proved himself specially qualified for the position. Fortunately Dr. McCarroll, who left America last autumn to resume professional duties in Nicosia, was willing at a personal sacrifice to remain in Larnaca and assist in the school. Repeated calls for a teacher, a college graduate, to take this place for a term of two or three years, have met with no response, only because the young men of the Church do not realize that the position the Board offers in Cyprus would be a better preparation for their life work than any post-graduate course.

China.—Notwithstanding the revolution in China and consequent lawless condition of the country, the Mission is able to report good results of their labors. Sabbath services were held regularly at Tak Hing and Do Sing until the missionaries were advised by the U. S. Consul to go to the coast for safety, and the Lord's Supper was administered twice. There was an accession to the native congregation of 20, from which six deaths have to be deducted, leaving a net increase of 14. Five were added to Do Sing during the year, and one death, making a net increase of 4 and a total membership at both stations of 163.

As to the spiritual condition of the converts, Rev. J. K. Robb has this to say: "While progress has been made that gives us reason to look forward in hope, we feel that not all has been accomplished that we had hoped for. There have been other hindrances than the revolution. Some of our people, like those of whom our Lord spoke, are seeking the loaves and fishes, apparently more intent on obtaining all possible benefit for themselves by their confession of His name than they are to serve and honor Him. The grace of Christian giving, while showing marked development in individual cases is not making progress in the mass of our members that we should like to see. Very imperfect conception of Christian life and duty is often manifest.

On the other hand, the political disturbances of the last three

months have served to bring to light at times a faith that is really triumphant, and a devotion to principle that is truly heroic. Some at least of our people have learned that a Christian cannot afford to compromise with evil, and, in the face of personal danger have steadfastly refused to have 'fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.' Such fidelity cannot pass unnoticed, and the power of the gospel, so manifested, cannot fail to make itself felt in the lives of those who have been eye witnesses of it."

Dr. A. I. Robb's time was occupied in superintending the work of the five chapels and in the training school, where there were five students under instruction, one of whom died September 13, 1911, one who, as Dr. Robb says, "had suffered much of persecution and disappointment for the name of Jesus, and his bodily sufferings were such that the end was as a glad release." In the statement of our senior missionary will be found much interesting information in regard to his movements and the work at outstations.

Miss Dean's report of the girls' school is full of touching facts, which the friends of the Mission will read with earnest prayer that the school may have ever widening success, and that in the hour of peril the pupils, Christian girls, who have had to flee from their homes at night to the bushes or caves in the mountains to escape kid-nappers, and sleep in safety, may be under the overshadowing presence and kept, during these testing experiences, in perfect peace. The source of their strength and comfort is to be found in an incident that we transfer to our report. Speaking of the necessary enlargement of a building, originally intended for only 25 pupils, to accomodate 40, Miss Dean says: "The attic was pressed into service for bedrooms for the older pupils," and then she adds: "One of these attic rooms turned out to be in truth 'an upper room,' for it was there that a few of the girls met for special prayer every evening after the regular worship in the study room below."

Equally instructive and encouraging is the report of the woman's school. Dr. K. McBurney, who is in charge, has much to say that will call for gratitude and praise for the opportunity thus afforded of reaching the women with the gospel of light and life.

Before the lawless condition of the country made it necessary to dismiss his school and send the pupils home, Mr. Kempf reports an enrollment of 42, their age ranging from 9 to 29. "The oldest boys," he says, "in addition to their regular studies, spent from one to two hours in teaching small classes of the lowest grades under my personal supervision. They are earnest Christian young men, and our desire is that they may give themselves to the work of teaching and preaching the word of life to their own people. The claims of the gospel ministry and the privileges and opportunities which would be theirs as messengers of the gospel are often presented to them, but the final decision must be left with themselves. May they be given

wisdom and direction from on high to choose the work for which, in the sight of God, they are best fitted."

Dr. Wright, who superintended the colportage, records sale of 1,800 portions of Scripture, 138 New Testaments, 4,000 tracts and 18 Bibles; and 200 portions were given away. When the revolution broke out, books were furnished to church members who wished to sell during their leisure time, and there is promise of good results.

Rev. E. C. Mitchell closes a detailed statement of the work at Do Sing with these words: "This first year has been in some respects encouraging. Five heard the pleading of the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ as their Saviour. Others heard the gospel, and, as we have reason to believe, went away thinking. On the other hand, we have not been without discouragements. The chief of these is that we have been compelled to leave our station and our work is at a stand-still. But we have done the best we could. The work is the Lord's and He can manage the results. We can wait on Him, and in His own good time he will open up the way before us."

On Friday, March 22, 1912, Dr. A. I. and Rev. J. K. Robb, with their families, and the Drs. McBurney returned to Tak Hing, exactly four months from the time they left last fall. Mr. Kempf expected to follow in a few days, with the intention of opening a day school. For the present, Mr. Taggart, Miss Huston and Miss Robinson will remain at Cheung Chau, as they have their teacher with them, and can study the language as well there as on the field.

Dr. Robb writes that everything is quiet in the city, but the quiet does not cover the whole territory. They cannot hope to do anything outside of the city, and it remains to be seen what can be done there. The plan of the Mission is to call in all the workers who can leave home and make a systematic canvass of the city, having persons call at every home with an offer of gospels and invitation to attend services. On the first Sabbath after their return there was a good attendance at public worship, and on the following Sabbath they intended to resume preaching in the Chapel. During the absence of the ministers the Chinese held services in the woman's school building, as it was more secluded and they felt safer there. But they think there will be no trouble now, if they go back to the chapel, though precaution will have to be taken to prevent possible attacks from robbers.

Dr. Ida Scott, Rev. E. C. Mitchell and Miss Jennie Dean have been granted a short furlough. None of them asked for it, and they had not been five years in China, but, as their strength was evidently failing, the Board felt it prudent to take advantage of the enforced retirement from the field to allow them leave of absence for fourteen months to visit their friends and rest. Dr. Wright and his family are also in America. Mrs. Wright had been ill for some time and was advised to return home where she could have the benefit of special

medical treatment. In the judgment of Dr. Saunders of the Matilda Hospital in Hong Kong, she should spend two summers in the United States, if possible, and as soon as she has fully recovered, Dr. Wright will return to his post. Rev. Samuel Edgar, of Latakia, Syria, has also at his request been granted a summer holiday that he may accompany his wife home for the benefit of her health and in the autumn he will return to his missionary activities. Rev. A. J. McFarland, too, who has been in this country for a few months, expects to resume his duties in Asia Minor before the winter.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Cheering reports have been received from the medical department, individual statements from Dr. Balph, of Latakia, and Dr. Peoples, of Mersina, and a joint statement from the medical staff at Tak Hing, China. At largely attended clinics, in hospitals and through professional visits to the homes of the people, the truth has been brought into contact with thousands, many of whom might not otherwise have heard the gospel. Dr. Balph says that about one-third of his patients belong to various Christian sects, while the remaining two-thirds are Moslems or Nusairia, and we are sure that neither he nor Miss Elsey, who has responsible charge of the nursing, has let slip the opportunity of pointing these lost men and women to Christ as the great Physician and the only Saviour. Dr. Peoples, impressed with the special value of hospital work, has been altering and repairing rooms to be used as a hospital in Mersina, and will need a trained nurse to assist him. Dr. Wright and his associates have extended their medical labors to Fung Chuen, a town twelve miles up the West River from Do Sing, which gives promise of being a fine center for evangelistic work. Not only are all the native helpers in Tak Hing hospital professing Christians, one of their number having recently been elected to the office of deacon, and worship conducted morning and evening, but for a time two women were employed, one to teach the patients in the women's ward daily, and the other, as she had the opportunity, to read the Bible and teach the doctrine. Detailed information will be found in the field reports when published, and it will be seen that the practice of medicine is an important factor in the work of foreign evangelism.

EMPHATIC POINTS.

It only remains to emphasize certain points:

1. The statistics of our foreign missions show 438 communicants, 54 added during the year, a net increase of 25, and between 900 and 1,000 young people under daily Christian instruction.
2. The Board requires at once an ordained minister, a physician and a female teacher to Suadia; an ordained minister for Gunaimia; two male teachers, college graduates, one for the school in Larnaca, Cyprus, and another for the boys' school in Mersina; and a trained nurse for hospital work in Mersina. The physicians must be famil-

iar with tropical diseases. The teachers must have taken courses in Bible study and in normal training.

3. The time of Drs. F. M. Foster and J. C. McFeeters has expired, and their places should be filled, and we recommend the enlargement of the Board by adding Rev. F. M. Wilson, Mr. R. J. Bole and Mr. S. R. Boggs to take the place of Rev. I. A. Blackwood, B. D., W. M. George and J. C. Slater, who have not been active members for some years.

4. The Board recommends the appointment of Rev. W. M. Robb, formerly missionary to China, to visit the churches as Field Secretary in place of Rev. R. A. Blair, who has been constrained to resign after three years of arduous and successful service.

5. The Board asks for \$20,000 for the Levant Missions, and \$20,000 for the Mission to China, as the amount that the Church should aim to contribute, and the successful prosecution of the work in these fields demands increasing liberality. The Treasurer, who has been seriously ill, will not be present to explain the necessary expenditures, but his financial report, which has been handed to the Clerk of Synod, will indicate them.

6. In view of the great changes in China and the unprecedented situation that confronts the Church, the Board feels that immediate steps should be taken to increase the staff of missionaries and other gospel agencies in our part of that immense field, and that the offerings for evangelistic work should be vastly augmented in the near future, so that the larger program, so essential to meet the situation in the new republic, may be carried out.

7. From every department of the Missions there comes an appeal for prayer; and the whole Church should respond to this appeal. The eminent Dr. Hetherington once said somewhere that prayer though not the efficient cause, may yet be the necessary preceding and connecting link in the sequence of spiritual things foreordained and forearranged in the eternal purpose of God. To neglect prayer for the Mission is to say in effect that we do not need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and thus delay the fulfillment of the great promises relating to the conversion of the nations and the willing enthronement of Christ in the world.

In the name of the Board,

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Cor. Sec'y.

The minutes of the Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in China were read and adopted. They are as follows:

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CHINA.

TAK-HING-CHAU, WEST RIVER, SOUTH CHINA,
September 25, 1911, 3 p. m.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian church

met at the call of the moderator, Rev. A. I. Robb, and was by him constituted with prayer.

The following members were present: Ministers: A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, D. R. Taggart, E. C. Mitchell and J. A. Kempf, Elder J. M. Wright.

A. I. Robb was chosen moderator and E. C. Mitchell clerk.

The case in regard to the woman who is the second wife which was referred by Synod to the commission was taken up and the following action taken: "Resolved, Inasmuch as the woman in question was not a free agent in entering into the marriage relation and is powerless to free herself from it, that she be received into the church in case her profession and examination are satisfactory."

The clerk was instructed to purchase a suitable book for the minutes and to call upon the mission treasury for the expense.

It was decided that the annual meetings of the commission be held on the last Tuesday of February.

The commission adjourned with prayer by J. A. Kempf to meet at Tak-Hing, February 27, 1912, at 1:30 p. m.

A. I. ROBB, Moderator.

E. C. MITCHELL, Clerk.

CHEUNG CHAU, HONGKONG,
February 27th, 1912.

A meeting of the commission was called at Cheung Chau by the Moderator.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following members were present: Dr. A. I. Robb, J. K. Robb, D. R. Taggart and J. A. Kempf. E. C. Mitchell was absent on furlough and Dr. Wright was absent returning home on account of his wife's illness.

In the absence of E. C. Mitchell, J. A. Kempf was appointed to act as clerk pro tem.

The place of the regular meeting was changed from Tak-Hing to Cheung Chau.

The present officers were continued for another year.

The commission adjourned to meet at Tak-Hing on February 25th, 1913, at 1:30 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by D. R. Taggart.

A. I. ROBB, Moderator,

J. A. KEMPF, Sec. Pro. Tem.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was taken from the table.

Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S
SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Young People's Societies would report:

There is no doubt but that active, earnest and intelligent organizations of young people are an efficient means of building the church and of preparing capable leaders for Christian service. If our youth are not used through some such agency as the Young People's Society, not only is there a very great danger of losing the young people whom we now have, but also of failing to draw into the church those who are outside. There are but sixty-five of our congregations which report Young People's Societies and less than half of these societies seem to be doing efficient work. If, as a church, we are going to secure the effective co-operation of our young people in the work of the congregations, there are some things that need to be done and done at once.

Every congregation should have an organized Young People's Society.

The young people should be posted on the Truth as it is understood in the 20th century, on the History of Protestantism, and on Missions, together with a knowledge of their own responsibilities and opportunities in the Master's service. More and more is the evident need of the habit of prayer, of the habit of Bible reading and Bible study, of the habit of giving and of the habit of personal work.

We would therefore recommend:

1. That, in every congregation not having an organized young people's society, the pastor and session take steps to organize such a society, and that when organized the active control of the society be left in the hands of the young people, subject to the general oversight of the pastor and session.

2. That Bible study, both associate and private, (in the language of the Spirit of the 20th century), with special reference to building up the spiritual life and to efficiency in our work for Christ, be promoted. In connection with this we urge our young people to use the daily Bible readings prepared by Synod's committee.

3. That our young people post themselves on the History of the Christian church in the past, especially with reference to the distinction between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, and her message for our day.

4. That every member of every society be enlisted in the thorough study of Missions.

5. That the place and power of secret prayer and of intercessory prayer be magnified in our societies.

6. That every member be urged to form the habit of faithful and sincere personal dealing with others regarding the claims of

Jesus Christ, and that training classes be organized and conducted by competent leaders.

7. That the habit of giving according to Scriptural principles be promoted.

8. That our societies keep in intelligent touch with young people's work and seek to build up societies that are a source of power and of helpfulness in the church of which they are a part, in the community in which they live and to the mission fields for which they have any obligation.

9. That a young people's secretary be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN YATES,
JOHN W. F. CARLISLE,
R. H. MARTIN,
O. C. ORR,
JAMES TORRENS.

In connection with the above report, item 26, of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up.

John Yates gave his report as Secretary of Young People's Societies. The report was received and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The Secretary of Young People's Societies would report that while he has tried to get into communication with every Young People's Society, he has been able to reach but 33.

The reports of these societies give much information, not only as to conditions which prevail in the societies, but also as to the fitness, ability and activity of the members. While a majority of the 33 societies have some of their members who are active and doing efficient work, a very small number of the young people seem to be active in the service of the Master, and many of these are doing their work with uncertainty, so that many tasks begun with enthusiasm are given up before being finished. Our young people need training along every line of service.

Only four societies reported all of their members at work, and as far as ability of members could be judged, they were doing excellent work. One was a society of six members, which, beside carrying out the recommendations of Synod of 1911 for young people, had added other work. The other three were strong societies, and part of the growing strength of the congregations to which they belong is due to the personal work of the young people who have been trained by able leaders.

We are losing our young people, and if this fact is to be chang-

ed we must not allow much time to elapse between our thinking and our doing. There are faults to be corrected,—young people's organizations should be YOUNG people's organizations; the mere study of books should be developed into practical work; members should be made to feel a responsibility beyond attendance upon meetings; opportunities for real work should be provided. Recognition should be given Mr. Blair for the work which he has been doing in this matter of bringing responsibility to the attention of the young people, and of pointing out to them ways of service.

Pastors should see that the recommendations of the Committee on Young People's Societies are carried out, and for the purpose of aiding in this, the Secretary would suggest the following books for study:

"How We Got Our Bible."—J. Patterson Smyth.

Bible Primer No. 1.—Dr. Gregory.

(These in connection with recommendation No. 2.)

"The Story of the Covenanters."—Symington.

"Landmarks of Church History."—Cowan.

(In connection with recommendation No. 3.)

"Quiet Talks on Prayer."—S. D. Gordon.

(In connection with No. 5.)

"Studies for Personal Workers."—Howard Agnew Johnston.

"How to Bring Men to Christ."—R. A. Torrey.

"Individual Work for Individuals."—H. Clay Trumbull.

(In connection with recommendation No. 6.)

"Five Times Five Points of Church Finance."—A. T. Robertson.

(In connection with No. 7.)

We would also suggest that the Board of Foreign Missions name a book for Mission Study for this year and that the Board hereafter continue to do so each year, and that it be done at such a date as shall enable the young people to commence the study of missions at the beginning of Fall work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN YATES,

Secretary of Young People's Societies.

John Yates was continued as Secretary of Young People's work.

The following resolution was offered by W. J. Coleman and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Sabbath Schools choose for the Sabbath, commonly called Easter, and for the Sabbath on or near Christmas, Sabbath School lessons which do not suggest the observance of the church year.

Synod took recess until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Monday, June 3, 7:30 p. m.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was lead in prayer by George C. Robb.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. George Blagg, of the Methodist church of Morning Sun, was introduced to the Synod, and given the courtesies of the floor.

The Committee on National Reform reported. Report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. J. S. Martin and J. S. McGaw addressed the court in the interests of National Reform. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

We have received the report of the Covenanter members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association, and that of the Financial Agent for National Reform, and have read them with especial interest.

We have found in these documents much that should call out gratitude to God and should deepen in our minds a sense of responsibility.

We are grateful to God for a substantial increase in the contributions to this cause, the receipts being this year nearly two thousand dollars more than they were last year.

We thankfully recognize the grace of the Holy Spirit in bringing our representatives on the National Reform force and those engaged more especially in the work of Witness Bearing into practical co-operation in that education in the fundamental principles of civil government has been given special attention.

We record with gratitude the fact that the nation is receiving from the pulpit, the press, and the platform on every side instruction in the relation of constitutional law to the public welfare. The signs of the times indicate that the public mind is being prepared for an intelligent understanding of the moral relation of the nation to God.

While we regard with apprehension the growing encroachments of organized secularism upon our Christian institutions our feelings are relieved by the fact that this very thing seems to be forcing the patriotic and thoughtful of our land to welcome the National Reform Association as perhaps the most hopeful means now existing whereby we may resist the invader.

We feel the nearness of civil disaster. The belief widely prevails that the Republic is among the icebergs, but in the face of repeated warnings is driving full speed ahead, and that a crisis will be upon us before many years are gone. Our call to the people of our beloved land must be that they acknowledge the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ lest He be angry and the nation perish in the way.

Realizing both our opportunity and our responsibility we com-

mend the undiminished zeal and increased activity of the workers in every department of National Reform effort, and the loyalty of the friends of the cause by whatever name they may be known. Special attention is called to the Second World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29th to July 6th, 1913, in the confident hope that this gathering of the forces will be greatly blessed of God to the establishment of the kingdom of His Son, our Saviour and Lord. In this connection we are glad to note that the highest courts of a number of other churches have endorsed this conference and appointed delegates thereto.

We recommend:

1. That \$10,000.00 be named as a guide to our people bearing upon their liberality in this cause.

2. That we approve of the continuance of Rev. J. S. Martin, D. D., Rev. J. S. McGaw and Rev. J. R. Wylie in the employ of the National Reform Association for the coming year.

3. That Synod appoint delegates to the Conference in Portland next year, the number and the names to be determined by the Nominating Committee.

(Signed) SAMUEL G. SHAW,
J. M. WYLIE,
P. J. McDONALD,
T. H. BOYD,
GEO. W. WALKER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COVENANTER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

With humble and earnest gratitude to God we desire to report a year full of hard work, of difficulty, of considerable success, and of much promise. We can once more set up our stone of remembrance and say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We report for the past year, increasing public interest, more workers employed, an increasing number of meetings held, a wider area covered than heretofore, much literature sent out, more funds than usual received, and much broader work planned for the year to come.

There are, in the present conditions of the work, three headquarters: the principal one at Pittsburgh, one at Philadelphia and one at Portland. The latter two have special relation to the World's Conference for next year.

Four new state organizations were effected during the past year; one in Michigan, in June; one in Ohio, in September; one in Illinois, in November, and one in Iowa, in May. There are now seven state organizations; the other three being in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kansas. Dr. J. A. Henderson, a thorough National Reformer, is the President of the Ohio organization; and Dr. W. I. Wishart of Pittsburgh, of the one in Pennsylvania.

LITERATURE.—We can take your time for only a few references to the literature distributed. The following are a few items concerning what was sent out in June, July and August last year: 3,037 tracts on the National Reform Association; 901 Christian Citizenship; 130 A Plea for Religion in the Nation; 150 copies of Christ the Ruler of Nations; 150 Our National Christianity and Fundamental Law; 2,080 calls for Ohio Convention; 2,000 programs of Ohio Convention; 3,000 programs and circulars for Winona; 825 extra copies

of the Christian Statesman; and 3,195 circular letters of 16 different kinds. In a report referring to the past calendar year the General Superintendent called attention to the fact that not considering the numerous communications sent out by the President, the Corresponding Secretary, the field secretaries, and the Bureau of Publicity at Philadelphia, there have been sent out from headquarters in Pittsburgh 1,054 articles to papers, 18,017 circular letters of 69 different kinds, 2,095 separately dictated letters and 1,330 postal cards. In addition to these there were sent out 40,600 programs, 25,580 calls, 2,380 circulars, 34,075 copies of Statesman, and 31,937 tracts of 43 different kinds and other publications which we shall not take time to mention.

From the Philadelphia headquarters articles are going out frequently to 3,000 daily papers in cities in our own country and abroad. An average of from 500 to 800 articles per week for newspapers is being sent out from these headquarters.

WORKERS—Rev. J. S. Martin, D. D., the General Superintendent, has been pushing the work during the past year. On a recent trip to the Pacific Coast he made fifty-four addresses, and was occupied with National Reform work in Chicago, Des Moines, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City. Over one hundred delegates were appointed during this tour to attend the World's Conference, and various local committees were raised to carry on the work. Rev. J. S. McGaw, National Field Secretary, still labors with great acceptance among the people. Of his work the Chautauqua manager at Cambridge, Ohio, wrote: "I wish to express our great appreciation of your Mr. McGaw. We have had the most successful Bible hour in the history of our Chautauqua. Mr. McGaw gave entire satisfaction and his audiences grew from day to day." We quote such a statement not specially to eulogize a worthy brother but as a proof of the efficient work that is being done.

Rev. W. J. Wilson, General Field Secretary, is a new worker, and has already done considerable work. He is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and promises well. A glimpse of the man is gotten from these words in one of his reports: "I have been impressed with the generally fine attention given by the people to God's specific message to the nation, their intellectual endorsement of our program and their recognition of the fundamental character of our work." Rev. J. R. Wylie is the State Secretary for the Pennsylvania organization, and is well known to all. He gives his full time to the work and is meeting with success. Rev. C. G. Sterling was in the employ of our Association for six months, and is quite devoted to the cause of National Reform.

As an illustration of the work in progress in the field we quote from a report of the General Superintendent relating to the work of the past calendar year, wherein he says that the employees of the Association within the year have delivered something over 700 addresses to audiences totaling at least 150,000 people.

Three of the four men who are now giving their full time to the work of the Association are ministers of our own church, Martin, McGaw and Wylie. Dr. Lyman E. Davis, a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and a man of fine character and ability, is employed a portion of his time, and is showing marked interest and activity in the work of the Association.

CONVENTIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS—A State convention was held in Detroit for the State of Michigan in June. More than

twenty-five columns of notice was given in the daily press. Opposition was experienced from the Detroit Free Press and the Catholic priesthood. The attendance was not large, but the addresses were able, and a State organization was effected. The Governor of the State, Chase S. Osborn, though not present, gave his written approval of the program, saying, "No movement of greater import has ever been inaugurated in our country." A State Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 25 and 26, with the attendance reaching as high as five hundred. Some of the topics discussed were: "Safeguarding in Constitutional Law the Moral Interests of the State," "The Relation of the State to God," and "The Necessity for an Awakened Public Conscience." The resolutions declared in behalf of the Bible in the schools, the Christian law of marriage and divorce, and a more distinct recognition of the relation of the Commonwealth to God. The Illinois State Convention was held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on November 20, 21. All of the fifteen speakers were present. The question of morality in education was appropriately emphasized at this convention, Professor Henry Schofield, of Northwestern University making one of the addresses. The Iowa Convention, at which the last state organization was effected, was held very recently at Burlington.

THE WINONA INSTITUTE for the year surpassed in both interest and attendance the institutes of previous years. Twenty-five sessions were held. Some of the most effective addresses were given by missionaries, representing different parts of the world. These speakers set forth the attitudes of the countries and governments they represented towards Christianity. With hardly an exception they said they had reason to fear the attitude of representatives of American and English trade and commerce, and sometimes of the diplomacy of these nations more than they feared the heathenism of heathendom. The work at Winona is one of the most successful developments in National Reform Work in recent years. Preparations are in progress for an excellent program there during the coming summer.

County conventions were held during the year in Butler, Lawrence and Beaver counties, all in Pennsylvania. Also addresses have been given before Men's Brotherhoods, Young People's Societies, Christian Citizenship and Temperance Societies, Sabbath Schools, and Missionary Societies.

THE CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT has not been overlooked during the past year. In connection with the Winona meetings of last year it is stated that the kingship of Christ was advocated by every speaker, and the Christian Amendment was in some form brought up at almost every session during the week in which the fundamental principles of civil government was discussed. At the Illinois State Convention one of the resolutions adopted reads: "To labor jointly with the Christian citizens of other Commonwealths in our land for such a change in our highest written law—our national constitution—as will not only furnish an undeniable legal basis for all that is Christian in our national life and character, but also place us as a nation legally on the side of Christ and Christianity." Among the items in the Lawrence County convention is one asserting the purpose to labor for such a change in our national constitution as will furnish an undeniable legal basis for our Christian laws and usages and will place our nation legally on the side of Christ and Christianity. In a quarterly report during the past calendar year we notice among the tracts sent out: 175 of the Christian Amendment and the Liquor Traffic, 175 of the Relation of Nations to the Lord Jesus Christ, 175 of the Religious Defect of the United States Constitution,

and 110 of Our National Christianity and Fundamental Law.

THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE AT PORTLAND—This Conference is absorbing much of the energy of the Association, and promises to be a most noteworthy gathering. It is to occur at Portland, Oregon, June 29 to July 6, 1913. The Commercial Club of that city has agreed to pay \$15,000 into the National Reform Treasury to help defray the expenses of this Conference. This agreement was secured by the Publicity Manager after making a trip west and visiting various cities. The first call for this Conference contained the following words: "We who issue this Call are deeply persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed Saviour of men, saves men in all their interests and in all their relations; that there are no human interests or relations which are in sorer need of His saving grace and power than those which lie in the civil sphere; and that in their acceptance of the forgiveness which is His to grant, and in submission to His Authority, lie the ultimate safety and welfare and glory of all nations."

Dr. Henry C. Minton, President of the Association, was sent to Europe last summer in the interests of the World's Conference. He visited London, Edinburgh, Christiana, Stockholm, Berlin, Brussels, Geneva, and other places. It was a new episode in National Reform history to have the President of the Association visiting some of the leading men in Europe in behalf of Christian claims of civil government. Rev. J. A. Cosby, who went abroad recently on his own account as far as the Holy Land, had the privilege of interviews with different prominent men in behalf of the Conference and made addresses in its interests. The railroads are showing decided interest in the coming conference, and it is probable that a rate of about sixty dollars for the round trip from Chicago will be granted.

Among the speakers who have been secured are: Charles Merle d'Aubigne, of France; Benjamin Ide Wheeler; Dr. Armenag Haigazian, Turkey; Prof. Alberto Clot, Italy; Bishop William Quayle; Governor Woodrow Wilson; Dr. Mark A. Matthews; Governor Chase S. Osborn; and Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

The Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, and The Northern Baptist Convention have expressed their approval of The World's Conference, and have arranged for the appointment of delegates. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church also "heartily commends" the Conference to the attention of its "churches and people."

GENERAL ITEMS. A protest was forwarded during the year against the acceptance on the part of our government of the silver service for the battleship Utah, because it bore the portrait of Brigham Young and a picture of the Mormon Temple. A resolution was ordered to be forwarded Congress asking for a bill to prevent moving pictures of prize fights from being taken from one State to another. Also a resolution was passed at a general executive meeting approving the action of the presiding Judges of Lawrence, Bedford, Mifflin and Green counties, of Pennsylvania, in refusing all license. A copy of the resolution was ordered sent these Judges. Action was taken concerning the attitude of the Bureau of Education of the Philippine Islands forbidding public school teachers to give religious instruction either within or without the school room; and also with regard to President Taft's suspension of the order forbidding the use of religious garb in our Indian public schools.

In view of the expansion of the work, and of the coming World's Conference, we ask the same amount as that recommended last year, ten

thousand dollars. Steps are now being taken to send out ten additional workers. Two were quite recently chosen, Rev. Charles G. Williams, Ph. D., of Denver, a Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Adam Clark, Sturgis, Mich., of the M. E. church. The need is great; and even should we secure considerably more from all sources next year than we did last year, the Association will nevertheless be able to do only a fraction of the work that is possible and practicable to be done, if the funds were available. We earnestly ask the prayers and co-operation of the Synod and the whole church in behalf of the cause that we feel to be closely related to the honor of our risen and exalted King, the welfare of the American people, and the prosperity and permanence of our national life.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association.

T. H. ACHESON,
H. H. GEORGE,
R. C. WYLIE,
JOHN YATES,
R. H. MARTIN,
J. S. MARTIN,
J. S. TIBBY.

The special Committee on the Individual Cup presented two reports. After the discussion of the majority report, the minority report was substituted for it by a vote of 92 to 57.

M. M. Pearce then moved the previous question, and the minority report was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUP.

To the Moderator and members of the Synod:—Not being able conscientiously to concur in the report submitted by the other members of your committee, I beg leave to submit, for your consideration, the following minority report.

That, Whereas the word "cup" as used in connection with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the New Testament, refers, not to the vessel, but to the contents of the vessel, and inasmuch as this is not a question of doctrine, but of efficiency and hygiene; and since there may be conditions under which the use of the individual communion cup will be necessary in certain congregations, therefore Synod considers it wise to leave the decision regarding the vessels to be used in the observance of the Lord's Supper to the decision of the sessions. Respectfully submitted,

S. E. GREER.

F. M. Foster gave notice of dissent from this action of Synod, in behalf of himself and those who wished to join with him.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Prayer by T. M. Slater.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday, June 4th, 9:00 a. m.

Synod convened at the above hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Calling of the roll was dispensed with. J. C. McFeeters led the Synod in devotional exercises.

Minutes of Monday evening session read, corrected and approved.

F. M. Foster presented his reasons of dissent from the action of the court on the question of the individual communion cup. They are as follows:

Dissent of F. M. Foster and others:—

The undersigned protest against, and dissent from the action of Synod in sanctioning the "Individual Cup," because we believe that the Son of God instituted the Supper with the use of the common cup handed round.

Signed, F. M. FOSTER,
WALTER C. MCCLURKIN,
W. J. COLEMAN.

DISSENT FROM THE ACTION ON INDIVIDUAL CUP.

We record our dissent from the action of Synod in granting the privilege to sessions of introducing the Individual cup in the sacramental feast for the following reasons:

1. **Because it does not comport with the symbolical character of the feast.** The communion is a sermon in action. Every part has a significance. The taking of the bread and cup signifies the incarnation, the breaking of the bread the crucifixion, the giving of the elements the conveyance of Christ's salvation, the receiving of the bread and wine our acceptance of Christ, the eating and drinking of them our appropriation of the sacrificial benefits of Christ's death, and the passing of the elements from one to another the common participation of believers in the great salvation. But the individual cup breaks the symbol of our fellowship one with another. It is dangerous to break God's symbol.

2. **Because our Lord instituted the Sacramental feast in the use of the common cup.** The originally appointed order should be retained. There is no more reason for believing that twelve cups were used in the upper room in the institution of the Lord's Supper than that there were twelve basins used when our Lord took a towel and girded Himself and poured water in a basin and began to wash His disciples feet. From that night until within a quarter of a century the general consensus of Christian conviction was that our Lord used one common cup in instituting the Lord's Supper. This is our profound conviction.

3. **Because the Individual cup unwarrantably divides our people at the foot of the mount of ordinances.** I could not conscientiously commune where the individual cups were used. There are many members in the Covenanters Church who share with me in this conviction. No one thinks that the church has been committing sin in

using the common cup for 1875 years. And no one thinks it is a violation of the command of Christ to celebrate His death in the use of the common cup. So that we are all agreed that it is right to commemorate the death of Christ in the use of the common cup. But some of us hold that the individual cup is a perversion of the ordinance and we cannot join in it. Therefore one part of our people must part company with another part at the Lord's Table.

4. **Because the Individual cup is a change in the name of science.** The Lord of all the ages ordained the common cup, foreseeing all the scientific discoveries.

The power of the common cup to break down race prejudice and caste systems is a deeper system of the Great Physician than the sanitary proposals of our modern physicians. Rome did wrong in withholding the cup from the laity. Let us not change the cup.

J. M. FOSTER.

S. G. Shaw was made our fraternal delegate to the Irish and Scotch Synods.

D. B. Wilson presented the report of the Special Committee on the memorial from Kansas Presbytery with respect to a renewal of our Covenant.

Synod proceeded to carry out the special order of the hour, which was the taking of a collection for the janitor and the typist. Amount received, \$28.83.

The report of D. B. Wilson was received and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON KANSAS PRESBYTERY MEMORIAL.

The Special Committee to which was referred Paper No. 16, Memorial of Kansas Presbytery on Renewing the Covenant respectfully report:

The reasons given in this Memorial do not appear to us to call for an immediate renewal of the Covenant of 1871. The distinct recognition of the obligation of it at each communion season counts for much. It would be well however, to provide copies of the covenant in tract form for free circulation in our congregations. The interest thus created will in time lead to a more general desire for renewal. Then Synod can take order regarding it.

We recommend that the Treasurer of Synod have 1000 copies of the Covenant of 1871 published in tract form, and give notice of the postage required when these tracts are ready; and we also recommend that pastors seek to promote familiarity with the Covenant among their people.

(Signed) D. B. WILLSON,
D. S. FARIS,
D. H. COULTER,
H. HAWTHORN,
J. E. DODDS,
Committee.

Synod adopted the following resolution, offered by W. P. Johnston.

RESOLUTION OF W. P. JOHNSTON.

Inasmuch as the Roman Hierarchy has given proof of its design in these United States, that having lost power in other lands she seeks to regain here what has been lost elsewhere, and

WHEREAS men seeking office, for the sake of their own interests, are willing to barter away the liberties of their fellows,

Wherefore resolved:

1. That the Synod recognizes in this same Roman Hierarchy, the man of sin and son of perdition spoken of by Paul, "the mystical Babylon" and "mother of harlots" spoken of by John.

RESOLVED,

2. That with other ecclesiastical bodies we condemn the President's attitude toward the Hierarchy, in the rescinding of the order of Commissioner Valentine as to the garb of teachers in the Indian Schools, and in many other acts of like character.

3. That the members of this Church be urged to read for themselves, and to put into the hands of others, Anti-papal literature, and that our pastors preach from pulpits the dangers of the encroachments of Rome.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to President Taft and Gov. Woodrow Wilson.

R. C. Wylie, J. C. French and J. D. Edgar were appointed a Committee to answer reasons of dissent of F. M. and J. M. Foster and others.

W. J. McKnight presented the report of the Special Committee on the Memorial from Lisbon Session. The chairman of the Committee was permitted to withdraw the report for re-statement.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Amended and adopted.

Synod was addressed by R. A. Blair, S. F. Kingston and W. J. Sanderson in behalf of the Southern and Indian Missions. J. C. McFeeters spoke for the Jewish Mission.

Item 22 of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. The report of the Home Mission Secretary was read. J. S. Thompson addressed the court in the interests of the Home Mission work. During the discussion of the report on Home Missions, together with the Report of the Home Mission Secretary, the noon hour arrived. Synod took recess until 1:30.

Prayer by W. C. Allen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 1:30 p. m.

The Synod reconvened at the above hour, and was led in prayer by George A. Edgar. The calling of the roll was omitted. Minutes of the morning session were corrected and approved. W. G. Robb and F. J. Henderson were excused from remaining sessions of the court, on account of a death in Bovina congregation.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Home Missions. The report of the Home Mission Secretary was approved.

John Yates addressed the Synod on behalf of the Central Board.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on Home Missions would respectfully report:

That it received two papers, viz.; the report of the Board of the Jewish Mission and the report of the Central Board of Missions. These reports you have heard and the items need not be repeated.

We would commend the Boards for the care and efficiency shown in the supervision of the various missions; and the workers in each of the missions for their fidelity and devotion to the work. The work in the Jewish, Southern and Indian Missions draws heavily on the workers and the money given. It should make a greater draught on the prayers of all our people.

Special thanks should be rendered to God for the measure of strength restored to Mrs. Carithers of the Indian Mission.

We urge the members of the Church to study each of the accompanying reports, and to furnish the money so much needed for these missions.

While recognizing the claims of our established work in each of the fields mentioned, we desire to claim special attention to the importance of an aggressive home mission policy.

The work of Synod's Home Missionary Secretary, the Rev. J. S. Thompson, is to be commended. He has made investigation of various fields, conducted a wide correspondence with members of the Church who are seeking a new location, with efforts to colonize them in promising locations, and also sought to interest and awaken people by the use of the press.

We recommend:

1. The appointment of the Rev. J. S. Thompson as Home Mission Secretary for the coming year.
2. That he be authorized to continue the investigation of promising fields and seek to direct attention to the importance of concentrating in colonies our migrating membership.
3. That when opportunity is given he lead in or assist with evangelistic services.
4. That our congregations be urged to do active work in giving the Gospel to the unsaved about them.

5. That each Presbytery appoint one of its members to act as Presbyterian Home Missions Superintendent, to encourage each congregation to do active Home Mission work, and to give aid in securing from each congregation the money asked for the Domestic Mission fund.

6. That the Central Board of Missions be authorized to undertake work in new fields and that \$1000.00 be added to the Domestic Mission budget for this special purpose.

7. That Synod hear the Rev. Sol Kingston, Rev. W. J. Sanderson, Rev. R. A. Blair in behalf of the Southern Mission, Rev. W. W. Carithers, Rev. R. A. Blair for the Indian Mission, Rev. Dr. J. C. McFeeters for the Jewish Mission and Rev. J. S. Thompson in the interest of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. A. SAMSON
ROBERT PARK,
J. M. JOHNSTON,
J. E. DODDS,
T. J. JOSEPH.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION SECRETARY.

Circumstances made it impossible for me to enter actively upon the work assigned me until Nov. 1st. The Central Board gave its hearty approval to the work, and pledged its co-operation and assistance as far as possible, and left the Secretary full liberty to plan the work as might seem wisest to him.

Four things have been aimed at in the work.

FIRST—to strengthen the Home Mission work already inaugurated, and to deepen the interest of the Church in Home Mission work. Some of the stations already established have been visited and ministered to, and assistance given in special evangelistic efforts in some of these fields. The claims of the Home Mission work have been presented to the Church from time to time through the Church papers.

SECOND, locations that seemed to offer possibilities for new work have been investigated. Some of these have been visited personally, while in other cases the investigation has been carried on through correspondence. This work has been reported to the Central Board, from time to time, and also to the Presbyteries within whose bounds the work has been done.

THIRD, An effort has been made to locate all the scattered Covenanters throughout our own land and Canada, and to get into communication with them, with a view to saving them to the church, by having them locate wherever possible where we have a church, or where there may seem to be prospects that we will have work established soon. This has involved a large amount of correspondence, and it is hoped that in time it will bring good results. Wherever it has been possible in my travels I have visited these isolated Covenanters.

FOURTH, An effort has been made to get in communication with Covenanters who are contemplating changes of location with a view of assisting them in finding such locations as they desire where they can be saved to the Church. This has also involved a large amount of correspondence, but it is hoped that it also will bring good returns. A communication was sent to every Covenanter pastor in Ireland and Scotland asking for names and addresses of Covenanters who either had come or might come to this land or Canada. A num-

ber have expressed interest in this work, and have furnished valuable information.

The cordial support of the Board has been highly appreciated as well as the information furnished by pastors and others, and their encouragement in the work. The Secretary has aimed to keep his work before the Church by brief reports in the Christian Nation.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. S. THOMPSON, Home Mission Sec'y.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report that the various interests committed to the care of the Board have received careful attention during the year. Twelve regular meetings were held during the year and the attendance has been exceptionally good.

Domestic Missions.

In the work of Domestic Missions the Board is in reality but a distributing agency through which sums voted to aid-receiving congregations reach the pastors. This work has been attended to regularly. Settled pastors have received their supplements each month, and the clerks of the Presbyteries have sent in their quarterly reports. The receipts for the year have been.....\$13,790 56
The expenditures..... 15,911 71
Balance overdrawn May 1, 1912..... 4,882 58
We request for this fund an appropriation of..... 12,000 00

Southern Missions.

The Superintendent of the Southern Mission submits an encouraging report. Though the present year's enrollment has fallen somewhat short of last year's, the teachers have not been at a loss for material to work upon. There were 542 pupils. The attendance was good, though the pupils found it difficult, owing to the stringency of the times, to meet the requirements in the matter of tuition. Substantial improvement has been reported in the literary department. The passing grade has been advanced from 65 to 70 per cent. The teachers have held monthly institutes with a view to rendering their work more efficient.

We note with sorrow the death of Patti Anna Kingston, one of the workers.

Mrs. N. E. Kennedy was employed to teach singing in the grades, and piano music.

200 have received instruction in the sewing department under Miss Fowler.

The cooking department under Miss Fowler and Ora Bell Shelton has been open during the entire school year. About 100 girls have received weekly instruction in this department.

The work in the boy's industrial department has been very satisfactory. This work has been placed under the charge of Professor Bottoms. 50 boys were trained in this department during the year.

Good work has been done in the Y. M. C. A and the Y. W. C. A.

The State secretary of the W. C. T. U. regarded the temperance work of the school as highly commendable, so much so that she reported it to the national organization and had special medals prepared bearing the name of the academy.

About \$600.00 were expended in repairs. The superintendent returned to the field early in September in order to oversee this work personally, and through his presence and careful oversight no less

than \$200.00 were saved to the Church. The East Selma School, which is under the charge of Miss Gill, has 119 pupils.

Pleasant Grove, under Mrs. Kynett, has 80 pupils.

Valley Creek has 36 pupils in the day school and 46 in the Sabbath School.

The total enrollment of all the schools for the year was 777. The staff of teachers numbered 21.

The total enrollment of the various Sabbath Schools was 511. The average number of Bible verses committed by the pupils was 290, of questions in the Catechisms 150.

10 girls and one boy graduated this spring. Their work is reported of a high order.

The Womans Missionary Society of Pittsburg Presbytery during the winter proposed to the Board that their plan to erect a building for the Southern Mission which might be used for the Industrial work among the girls, might be approved. We request for this Mission an appropriation of \$6500.

Receipts	\$7599.10
Expenditures	9226.39
Balance	1183.90

Indian Mission.

The Indian Mission has carried on its regular work in the same energetic manner as in past years.

Mr. Carithers reports that the year has been in many respects a hard one for the community round about the Mission. The drought brought many families to the verge of starvation, but apparently the drought brought none of these families to a realization of their dependence on Almighty God. Every effort has been made to bring the gospel to all in the neighborhood.

A wagon was sent out on Sabbath afternoon, from the Mission, to gather in the children from homes, where they could not otherwise attend church, and these children were in Sabbath School and afternoon service and later were returned to their homes.

A number of white families, that for some reason could not come in this way, were visited every Sabbath and the children instructed.

Some colored families living in the neighborhood were visited and instructed on the Sabbath.

Part of the children from these colored homes (who are excluded from the public schools, because of their color) came to the Mission each afternoon and were taught in the common school branches, by Miss Mathews.

At the Mission services were held on every Sabbath and the attention and interest were always good.

While we may not see any great number coming into the church as a result of all this work, yet a number are being instructed in much needed truths.

In this work George Coleman of the Theological Seminary gave much valuable assistance during the Seminary vacation.

The work in the school has been very satisfactory. The attendance has not been as large as in some other years, but that gives a better opportunity for personal work, both in the home and in the schoolroom, and we consider the smaller number not wholly a disadvantage.

The workers were much the same as last year:

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter leaving the work to go back to their home in Olathe, Kan. Miss Anna M'Clurkin was needed in her home and so did not return; and Miss Aikin went to a new home in Vermont.

Miss Mary Adams and Miss Florence Mearns came as the teaching force for the school rooms, and as they were former workers here their work was effective from the beginning, for they did not have to get acquainted with the children and the surroundings on entering the work for the year.

During the year, Miss Kerr was called home to care for her mother, who had been hurt in a fall, and her place was taken by Miss Alice Dill, of Sterling, Kan., for the remainder of the year.

Number of pupils enrolled in Mission School, 47.

Number of Bible verses, 7430.

Questions of Shorter Catechism memorized, 613.

Receipts for year	\$7465.08
Expense	8840.42
Balance	822.71
We request for this Mission an appropriation of.....	6500.00

Home Missions.

In harmony with the action of last Synod the Home Mission work has been prosecuted vigorously. J. S. Thompson, who was by Synod chosen Home Mission Secretary, has labored since November, 1911, in Canada and in the Northwest. In addition his labors among the vacancies and in the Mission Stations under the care of the church Mr. Thompson has carried on a vast correspondence with Covenanters scattered through the West and South. The work has been reported fully in the Church paper.

Monthly reports of his work and his expenses have been submitted to the Board.

The matter of fixing the salary of the Home Mission Secretary was referred to this Board. The Board fixed the salary for the last year at \$100 per month and expenses.

We would recommend that Mr. Thompson be re-elected to this work and that his salary be fixed by Committee of Finance.

A communication from the Thankoffering Secretary of the Womens Presbyterian Missionary Society informing the Board that the collections for the Industrial Building in the Southern Mission amounted to \$1322. The women have therefore suggested that the Board begin the erection of the building at once with the assurance that the whole amount of \$2000 will be forthcoming before the close of the next fiscal year.

The Board voted to begin the work of building.

The term for which H. H. George, M. M. Pearce, D. C. Martin and J. S. Tibby were elected has expired and their successors should be chosen

JOHN YATES, Chairman.

R. J. MCKNIGHT, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF JEWISH MISSION.

The Mission of the Covenant to Israel has had a favorable year. The Lord has been good to this part of His Covenanted Church. The missionaries have had strength to carry forward the work of each department without interruption. Human effort has been prayerful and persistent; but we look to God to bring forth the fruit.

Rev. E. J. Feuerson's field of labor and responsibility is wide. Tens of thousands of the children of Israel are within reach of the mission; thousands of these have been touched by the light shining from this candle; some souls have evidently been deeply impressed.

We cannot report baptisms, nor the organizing of societies of be-

lievers, yet the heaven of the Gospel is doing its work, by the Holy Spirit according to the election of grace.

The attendance at the preaching averages about 18; the number at the Night School aggregates 800; the number of children at the Sabbath School aggregates 1000; the roll shows 235 names. All these are being instructed in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Feuerson supplements all Mr. Feuerson's labors with tact and devotion; she also has a class of men, who are studying the doctrines of the New Testament.

Mr. George A. Calderwood, an elder of the Second Church, Philadelphia, renders valuable service in the Sabbath school, having charge of a class of boys of the impressive age.

There are 68 families within easy access of the mission, which are kindly disposed toward the gospel of Jesus Christ, and are open to receive the missionaries with cordial spirit. This gives Mr. Feuerson as great a field for family visitation, as can be found in any of our larger congregations. In these households the good seed is being sown and we look for results that will please our Lord Jesus himself.

Besides the many who regard the mission as their own, nearly 30 have visited it, as wayfarers, during the year, to see and hear something about the great Saviour, whose fame has reached their ears.

The Sewing school, under Miss Mary F. Bell, assisted by Miss Mary Cupples, reports an aggregate of 1848 girls in attendance, total enrollment 285; daily average, 21; families visited 82. These girls recite the Bible, and the small Catechism, memorizing one verse and one question each school day. This storage of Gospel truth in these young minds is beyond human calculation. This work points to hundreds of future homes, with mothers enlightened in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Mission is steadily, yet quietly, making the power of God to be felt, in an ever-widening circle, by these people of the ancient covenant. Some of them ask the missionaries to come and pray with them in the hour of distress, and even when the shadows of death are falling. They plead to have their orphans placed in Christian homes, seven of whom have recently been thus cared for. Many are secretly enquiring the way to the cross of Jesus. God is taking away the veil from some of these hearts; they are turning toward Him, whom they pierced. We labor and pray, that the Lord will speed the time, when according to His promise, "all Israel shall be saved."

The Board earnestly desires to impress upon every heart in the Church of the Covenanters our mission among the Hebrews. Our great power in mission work is prayer. Will not each one make a frequent offering of prayer to the God of Israel, for Israel? O, for large contributions of prayer! The poorest can give liberally of his prayers and not be impoverished; the richest can give and thus multiply his best wealth.

We ask for \$2,500.00 with which to carry forward this work during the coming year.

The term, for which W. G. Carson, Daniel Adams, and J. C. McFeeters were elected, has expired. Their successors should be chosen. Mr. W. C. McLeod has resigned as a member of the Board. We recommend the election of George A. Calderwood, as his successor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

J. C. MCFEETERS, President.

J. M. Coleman was appointed to address a letter of sympathy and condolence to David Popoweetie and his son Robert in their recent bereavement.

The report of the Special Committee on Classification of Congregations was read by Elder James Carson. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee appointed to review the recommendations of the Committee on Classification of Congregations with reference to minimum salaries made by last year's Synod, beg leave to make the following recommendation in place of item 1 and A, B, C, of said item:

All congregations shall be divided into four classes, as follows:

A—All congregations in cities of over 50,000 population, \$1,400.

B—All congregations in cities under 50,000 and over 10,000 population, \$1,200.

C—All congregations in cities under 10,000 and over 5,000 population, \$1,000.

D—All congregations in cities under 5,000 population, \$900.

(Signed)	W. T. PARK,	P. J. McDONALD,
	F. M. FOSTER,	GEO. A. CALDERWOOD,
	O. L. SAMSON,	G. A. EDGAR,
	JAMES CARSON,	J. B. GILMORE,
	J. E. WILSON,	D. C. MATHEWS,
	JOHN MUIRHEAD,	A. KILPATRICK,
	J. E. FOSTER,	S. C. PATERSON.

Dr. H. N. Brown, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, of Monmouth, Illinois, was introduced to the Synod, and given the courtesies of the floor.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 to 18 inclusive were adopted.

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod, as directed in item 5 of the above report.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

The following papers were referred to your committee:

1. Report of Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.
3. Report of Board of Corporators of Geneva College.
4. Report of Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work.
5. Petition of J. R. Cannon for reimbursement for taxes paid by him on Greensburg Church Property.

6. Communication from D. B. Willson containing a refund of \$1000 of salary.

7. Report of Executive Commission of Western Section of Presbyterian Alliance asking support to the extent of \$40.00.

8. Report of the Board of Control.

9. Request of R. P. Women's Association for a share in Proceeds of Sale of Rochester Church Property.

10. Report of R. P. Women's Association.

11. Report of S. A. S. Metheny Tres. of Foreign Missions.

12. Report of S. A. S. Metheny Tres. of Jewish Mission.

13. Report of S. A. S. Metheny Tres. of Church Erection.

14. Report of Foreign Mission Board.

15. Report of Commtee on Temperance.

16. Request of College Board for a share in the Proceeds of Sale of Rochester Church Property.

17. Report of Central Board of Missions.

18. Report of Mission Conference.

19. Bills for Printing Order of Business.

Bills for Printing Two-page circulars.

Bills for Printing Program for Devotional Exercises.

20. Report of Board of Trustees of the Synod of the R. P. Church of N. A. J. S. Tibby, Treas.

21. Report of Witness Bearing Committee.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following appropriations be made to the various schemes of the Church, and that the dates appended be approved for the guidance of any congregations which have not yet adopted the system of weekly offering. The Synod, however, recommends that the weekly system of offering be adopted in every congregation.

DATE	SCHEME	AMOUNT
June 3rd, Sab.	Students Aid.....	\$ 1500.00
July 1st, Sab.	Aged Ministers $\frac{3}{8}$ Widows and Orphans $\frac{5}{8}$	4000.00
July 3rd Sab.	Aged People's Home.....	1000.00
Aug. 1st Sab.	Theological Seminary.....	4000.00
Aug. 3rd Sab.	Jewish Mission.....	2500.00
Sept. 1st Sab.	Southern Mission.....	6500.00
Sept. 3rd Sab.	Indian Mission	6500.00
Oct. 1st Sab.	Domestic Mission.....	13000.00
Nov. 4th Sab.	Temperance.....	2000.00
Dec. 1st Sab.	Syrian Mission.....	20000.00
Jan. 1st Sab.	China Mission.....	20000.00
Feb. 1st Sab.	Witness Bearing.....	5000.00
March 1st Sab.	Geneva College.....	3000.00
April 1st Sab.	Church Erection.....	4000.00

The sum of \$10,000.00 is the amount which Synod names as a guide to our people in their contributions to National Reform. The day for this collection is November 1st Sabbath.

2. That the adjustment of the claim of J. R. Cannon be left with Synod's Board of Trustees.

3. That D. B. Willson's check for \$1000.00 be received with thanks and that the check be returned to Prof. Willson with the assurance that Church's satisfaction with his 33 years of unbroken service is too great to allow us to take any pecuniary account of the period during which he was by the hand of God incapacitated for active service.

4. That the usual amount of \$40.00 be paid into the treasury of the Western Section of the Presbyterian Alliance.

5. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Daniel C. Martin, George A. McKee and William J.

Ward as their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years ending June 15, 1915.

6. That the bills for printing Order of Business, 200 two-page circulars and the Program for Devotional exercises, amounting in all to \$5.75, be paid out of the Literary Fund.

7. That C. D. Trumbull and S. E. McElhinney be elected their own successors on the Board of Control.

8. That the proceeds of the sale of the Rochester Church Property, amounting to \$7,750 (cash \$3750.00; four bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent of the Hunter Bros. Paper Co., Fulton, N. Y., par value \$1000, each due 1921) be disposed of as follows: 2 bonds of \$1000 each be added to the funds of Geneva College; that \$750 be applied on the payment of the debt of the College designated as the Geneva College Dormitory Note; that 2 bonds of \$1000 each be added to the current funds of the Aged People's Home; that \$3000 in cash be placed to the credit of the Domestic Mission Treasury.

9. That the proceeds of the sale of the East Craftsbury Church property, amounting to \$999.50, be transferred to Church Erection.

10. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to publish 1000 copies of the minutes of Synod of 1912, that the price be 35 cents per copy and they be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for distribution.

11. That the salary of the Home Mission Secretary be fixed at \$1500.00 per annum and expenses.

12. That the synopsis and summaries of Treasurers J. S. Tibby and S. A. S. Metheny and of the report of Mrs. W. J. Ward, Secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association, together with the balance sheets, be published in the minutes.

13. That because of the long continued illness of his wife J. R. W. Stevenson be granted \$100 out of the undesignated funds of Synod.

14. That Synod acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of God in opening the hearts of our people to give so largely of their means for the prosecution of the work of the Church.

15. That \$150.00 contributed by the Staunton Congregation be applied to the payment of the Geneva Dormitory Note.

16. That the recommendations of the Mission Conference be approved.

17. That \$100 additional be appropriated out of the Domestic Funds to the White Lake Congregation.

18. That \$500 be appropriated to the Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

R. J. G. McKnight,
R. C. Montgomery.
J. C. McFeeters,
J. W. Dodds,
C. W. Fravel.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To The Moderator and Members of the R. P. Synod—

Dear Brethren—Thankful to the Lord for His goodness to us during the past year, we submit our annual report, together with that of your Treasurer for the year ending April 30th, 1912.

First—Messrs. William Blair, John Allen and Oliver Wylie, elected by you to serve on the Board for three years to June 15th, 1914, accepted their appointment.

Second—The following donations were received, viz.: Dr. H. H. George, Beaver Falls, Pa., \$3,000.00 for Geneva College. David G. McKee Memorial Fund from his mother, Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, \$1,000.00, the interest yearly to be divided between Domestic and Foreign Missions. Staunton, Ill., Congregation, \$1,000.00 for Syrian Mission, \$1,000.00 for China Mission, \$500.00 for Church Erection and \$150.00 to be distributed by Synod. Total amount of donations is \$6,650.00.

Third—The following Bequests were received: Mrs. Margaret Morrison, Almonte, Canada, Theo. Seminary, \$432.95, Syrian Mission, \$432.95, Indian Mission, \$432.95. Mrs. Eliza White, Winchester, Kan., Indian Mission, \$25.00, Domestic Mission \$25.00. W. J. C. Allen, Mercer, Pa., Jewish Mission, 47.75. Mrs. Marg. Mathews, Sparta, Ill., Southern, Indian and Domestic Missions, \$5.00 each. Miss Sarah George, Zanesville, O., Domestic Mission, \$100.00, Syrian Mission, \$100.00. Miss Elizabeth Campbell, N. S., Pittsburg, Pa., Aged People's Home, \$100.00, Ref. Pres. Church of N. A., \$100.00 to be distributed by Synod. Margaret Buchanan, Philadelphia, Pa., Syrian Mission, \$100, Latakia Hospital, \$200.00. Mrs. Ann Boyd, Utica, O., Syrian Mission, \$50.00, China Mission, \$50.00, National Reform, \$50.00. Mrs. Rosanna D. M. Williams, Mars, Pa., Syrian Mission, \$95.00, China Mission, \$95.00, Indian Mission, \$86.00, Domestic Mission, \$86.00, Theo. Seminary, \$43.00. Nancy Cormany, Hopkinton, Ia., Syrian Mission, \$204.15, Mrs. Sarah McLain, Barnet, Vt., Syrian Mission, \$10.00, Ellen Logan, Northwood, O., Syrian Mission \$300.00. Total amount of Bequests is \$3,180.75.

Fourth—On November 24th, 1911, the East Craftsbury Church and Parsonage property was sold to Mr. John W. Simpson, Attorney of New York City for one thousand dollars, \$999.50 of this amount is for distribution by Synod.

Fifth—According to the action of Synod in 1888, the legal title to all property belonging to Congregations and Missions Stations which have become disorganized or abandoned, lies in Synod's Board of Trustees. On March 25th, 1898, nearly three years after the disorganization of the Rochester, N. Y., Congregation, the church property was sold by the Trustees of Rochester Presbytery and Congregation for \$7,559.00. By some misunderstanding this money was not forwarded to Synod's Board but invested by the Presbytery. The attention of the Presbytery was called to the matter at its last meeting and we are pleased to announce the receipt of \$3,750.00 in cash and four bonds for \$1,000 each of the Hunter Bros. Paper Co. of Fulton, N. Y. all due in 1921, and bearing five per cent interest annually. These funds are for distribution by Synod.

Sixth—The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Real Estate and other Assets held by your Board is \$627,560.47. Out of the earnings for the year closed, the Board declared a dividend on Endowments of \$427,852.04 at 5½ per cent of \$23,531.86.

Seventh—The amount of profits from the David Gregg Fund is \$9,209.63.

Eighth—The Books and Accounts of your Board were audited by Mr. W. G. Miller, Expert Auditor, and found correct as per certificate attached to the report of the Treasurer.

Ninth—The term for which Mess. D. C. Martin, George A. McKee and W. J. Ward were made members of your Board will expire June 15, 1912. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

Tenth—James S. Tibby with George A. McKee as Alternate was

appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 24th, 1912.

GENVEA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

May 1, 1911, Balance.....\$198270 00

Receipts

Collections during the year..... 4000 00

May 1, 1912, Balance..... 202270 00

DAVID G. MCKEE MEMORIAL FUND.

Per Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa. Interest yearly for

Domestic and Foreign Missions..... 1000 00

MISS M. REBECCA EUWER, GENEVA COLLEGE NOTE.

May 1, 1911, Balance..... 812 51

1912 Dividend..... 44 68

May 1, 1912, Balance..... 857 19

The following Endowments remain unchanged:

Aged Ministers	\$ 12878 52
Theological Seminary	69638 75
Students Aid Fund	16286 88
Foreign Mission	49633 43
Domestic Mission	32111 30
Sustentation.....	100 00
Southern Mission	5481 28
Chinese Home Mission.....	400 00
Indian Mission	2000 00
James and Mary Jane Carlisle for aged Ministers.....	500 00
Mission in China.....	237 50
Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.....	6770 02
Church Erection	3400 00
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee Memorial.....	10000 00
J. Hays Euwer Geneva College Prize Fund.....	600 00
James R. McKee, Memorial Funds.....	3000 00
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee, Memorial Funds.....	3000 00
Ryegate & Barnet Vt. Cong.....	850 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Cong.	4867 80
Iowa Presbytery	700 00
Wilkinsburg, Pa., Cong.	500 00
American Bible Society	50 00
Mrs. Sarah J. Steele for Geneva College.....	1000 00
David Gregg Fund, not governed by regular dividend.....	157015 73

Total Endowments receiving 5½ per cent..... 427852 04

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911, Balance..... 155400 00

Invested in Mortgages during the year..... 6400 00

Mortgages paid off 161800 00

Mortgages paid off 5300 00

May 1, 1912, Balance..... 156500 00

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Interest received during the year..		9209 63
Charged fund 5 per cent for hand- ling.....	460 48	
Foreign Missions received.....	2916 37	
Domestic Missions	1749 82	
Southern Missions	583 28	
Sustentation Fund	583 28	
Church Erection	583 28	
Theological Seminary	583 28	
Chinese Home Mission.....	583 28	
Widows and Children Fund.....	583 28	
Central Alleg. Cong.	583 28	
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Regular Mortgage Account.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	387259 04
Invested in Mortgages.....	2500 00
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Mortgages paid off.....	24400 00
	<hr/> 365359 04
May 1, 1912—Balance.....	

Interest Account.

Receipts from Mortgages, Notes and net profits from Real Estate....		26460 30
Expenditures—		
Dividends on Sundry items less than 5½ per cent.....	931 28	
Our portion, Office Expenses.....	1254 57	
First National Bank.....	135 00	
1912 Dividend on \$427,852.04 at 5½ per cent viz:		
Geneva College, Endowment of....	203270 00	11005 68
Theo. Seminary, Endowment of....	69638 75	3830 13
Students Aid, Endowment of.....	16286 88	895 78
Foreign Missions, Endowment of...	49633 43	2729 84
Domestic Missions, Endowment of..	32111 30	1766 12
Sustentation Fund, Endowment of..	100 00	5 50
Southern Mission, Endowment of...	5481 28	301 47
Chinese Home Mission, Endowment of.....	400 00	22 00
Indian Mission, Endowment of....	2000 00	110 00
Aged Ministers, Endowment of....	12878 52	708 32
Jas. and Mary J. Carlisle, Endow- ment of	500 00	27 50
Mission in China, Endowment of...	237 50	13 06
Widows and Children, Endowment of	6770 02	372 35
Church Erection, Endowment of....	3400 00	187 00
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee, En- dowment of	10000 00	550 00
J. R. McKee for Widows and Chil- dren, Endowment of.....	2000 00	110 00
J. R. McKee, Foreign Mission, En- dowment of	1000 00	55 00
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee, Foreign Mis- sion, Endowment of	2000 00	110 00
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee, Widows and Children, Endowment of.....	1000 00	55 00

Ryegate & Barnet, Vt. Cong., Endowment of	850 00	46 75	
Brooklyn, N. Y., Cong., Endowment of.....	4867 80	267 73	
Iowa Presbytery	700 00	38 50	
Wilksburg, Pa. Cong., Endowment of.....	500 00	27 50	
American Bible Society, N. Y.....	50 00	2 75	
Miss M. R. Euwer Geneva College Note.....	812 51	44 68	
Pittsburgh Presbytery	3364 05	185 02	
Balance of profits to Cont. Account		671 77	
			\$ 26460 30

Expense Account.

Rent of office.....	276 00	
Phone.....	36 55	
Stamps.....	30 00	
Stamped Envelopes	24 94	
Bond of Treasurer.....	25 00	
Expense of Auditor.....	33 75	
Supplies and Expenses.....	16 15	
Printing.....	39 25	
Insurance.....	19 90	
Car fare	7 60	
Salary.....	2000 00	
		\$2509 14

Above expenses distributed as follows viz:

Southern Mission.....	200 73	
Geneva College	326 19	
Indian Mission	175 64	
Theological Seminary	125 46	
Domestic Mission	301 09	
Witness Bearing	125 46	
Interest Account	1254 57	
		2509 14

Cash Account.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	10832 40	
Receipts.....	131976 65	
	142809 05	
Expenditures.....	119087 93	
	23721 12	
May 1, 1912—Balance.....		

Office Furniture Account.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	484 68	
Depreciation in value.....	284 68	
May 1, 1912—Balance.....	200 00	

Contingent Account.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	2470 09	
Balance of year's profits.....	671 77	
	3141 86	
Less depreciation in office furniture account.....	284 68	
May 1, 1912—Balance.....	2857 18	

STAUNTON, ILL., REF. PRES. CONGREGATION DONATION.

For Syrian Mission.....	1000 00	
For China Mission.....	1000 00	
For Church Erection.....	500 00	
For Use of Synod.....	150 00	
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		2650 00

Above distributed as per wishes of Congregation.

Syrian Mission	1000 00	
China Mission	1000 00	
Church Erection	500 00	
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		2500 00

Balance for use of 1912 Synod.....		150 00
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CHAS. McILROY, BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....		508 70
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Receipts.

4th payment of five from Jos. McIlroy.....		2000 00
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2508 70

Expenditures.

National Reform Fund.....	418 12	
Witness Bearing Fund.....	418 12	
Syrian Mission Fund.....	836 22	
Domestic Mission Fund	418 12	
Southern Mission Fund	418 12	
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		2508 70

MRS. MARGARET MORRISON BEQUEST, ALMONTE, CANADA.

June 6, 1911 Remittance.....		1298 85
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Expenditures.

Theological Seminary	432 95	
Syrian Mission	432 95	
Indian Mission	432 95	
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		1298 85

MRS. ELIZA WHITE BEQUEST, WINCHESTER, KANSAS.

Nov. 9, 1911—Remittance.....		50 00
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Expenditures.

Indian Mission	25 00	
Domestic Mission	25 00	
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		50 00

W. J. C. ALLEN, BEQUEST, MERCER, PA.

May 4, 1911—Remittance.....		47 75
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Expenditures.

For Jewish Mission.....		47 75
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MRS. MARGARET MATHEWS, BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

June 6, 1911—Remittance.....		15 00
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Expenditures.

Southern Mission	5 00	
Indian Mission	5 00	
Domestic Mission	5 00	
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		15 00

MISS SARAH GEORGE, BEQUEST, ZANESVILLE, O.

July 5, 1911—Remittance.....		200 00
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Expenditures.

Domestic Mission	100 00	
Syrian Mission	100 00	
		<hr/> 200 00

MISS ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, BEQUEST, N. S. PITTSBURGH.

Dec. 20, 1911—For Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A.	100 00	
Aged People's Home R. P. Church.....	100 00	
		<hr/> 200 00

Expenditures.

Remitted Aged People's Home.....	100 00	
May 1, 1912—Balance for discretion of Synod.....	100 00	
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MARGARET BUCHANAN BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Aug. 8, 1911—Remittance.....	300 00	
Expenditures.		
Syrian Mission	100 00	
Latakia Hospital	200 00	
		<hr/> 300 00

MRS. ANN BOYD, BEQUEST, UTICA, O.

Sept. 15, 1911—Remittance.....	150 00	
Expenditures.		
Syrian Mission	50 00	
China Mission	50 00	
National Reform	50 00	
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MRS. ROSANNA D. M. WILLIAMS, BEQUEST, MARS, PA.

April 1, 1912—Remittance.....	427 50	
Expenditures.		
Syrian Mission	95 00	
China Mission	95 00	
Indian Mission	86 00	
Domestic Mission	86 00	
Theo. Seminary	43 00	
Commissions for Executors	22 50	
		<hr/> 427 50

ROCHESTER, N. Y., CHURCH PROPERTY FUND.

April 27, 1912—Cash proceeds from Rochester Presbytery.....	3750 00	
Four Bonds, Hunter Bros. Paper Co., Fulton, N. Y., \$1,000.00 each due 1921	4000 00	
		<hr/> 7750 00
May 1, 1912—Balance for discretion of Synod....		

EAST CRAFTSBURY, VT. CHURCH PROPERTY FUND.

Nov. 24, 1911—Property sold to J. W. Simpson, Att.	1000 00	
Expenditures.		
Notary's fee	50	
May 1, 1912—Balance subject to action of Synod	999 50	

REQUESTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS SENT US BY DR. S. A. S. METHENY, TREAS.

NANCY CORMANY, BEQUEST, HOPKINTON, IOWA.

Oct. 31, 1911—For Syrian Mission..... 204 15

MRS SARAH MCLAIN, BARNET, VERMONT, BEQUEST.

April 19, 1912—For Syrian Mission..... 10 00

ELLEN LOGAN, NORTHWOOD, O., BEQUEST.

April 19, 1912—For Syrian Mission..... 300 00

Above Bequests returned to Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer.

REV. CHAS. CLYDE HOME FUND.

May 1, 1911—Balance 1050 09

Receipts.

Averaged interest for one year..... 39 58

1089 67

Expenditures.

Insurance 20 00

1911 County taxes 8 56

1911 Borough & School 32 40

60 96

May 1, 1912—Balance 1028 71

TEMPERANCE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance overdrawn 247 95

Receipts.

Collections for the year 721 30

473 35

Expenditures.

Supplies 597 58

May 1, 1912—Balance overdrawn 124 23

DOMESTIC MISSION.

May 1, 1911—Balance overdrawn 2761 43

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. & Societies 6740 96

Sustentation Fund transferred 2603 78

Mrs. Marg. Mathews Bequest 5 00

Miss Sarah George Bequest 100 00

Mrs. Eliza White Bequest 25 00

Mrs. R. D. M. Williams Bequest 86 00

Chas. McIlroy Bequest 418 12

Contributions to Mount White Work transferred 158 26

1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund..... 1749 82

1912 Dividend Rev. and Mrs. M. E. McKee..... 137 50

1912 Dividend regular endow. fund..... 1766 12

13790 56

11029 13

Expenditures.

Colorado Presbytery 1177 05

Illinois Presbytery 787 44

Iowa Presbytery 511 94

Kansas Presbytery	1778 01	
N. B. & N. S. Presbytery	1231 64	
New York Presbytery	1667 35	
Ohio Presbytery	2519 55	
Pacific Coast Presbytery	1231 13	
Pittsburg Presbytery	2638 58	
Rochester Presbytery	870 76	
Rev. W. C. Allen, trav. expenses from Regina, Canada, order 1911 Synod	39 70	
D. K. Murdoch & Co., printing	8 00	
Rev. I. Faris, trav. expenses to Canada.....	65 00	
Rev. Paul Coleman, expenses and salary Canada	194 45	
Rev. R. J. G. McKnight, cor. sec. expenses.....	4 75	
Rev. J. S. Thompson, Home Sec., salary and ex- penses four months	487 34	
Interest on overdraft one year	270 18	
Services in handling account.....	301 09	
Evangelistic Comm. Expenses	91 75	
Rev. A. J. McFarland, services in Canada.....	36 00	
		15911 71
May 1, 1912—Balance overdrawn		4882 58

SUSTENTATION FUND.

May 1, 1911—Balance		2603 78
Receipts.		
1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund.....	583 28	
1912 Dividend on regular Endowment.....	5 50	588 78
		3192 56
Expenditures.		
July 17, 1911, Transferred to Domestic Mission Fund.....		2603 78
May 1, 1912—Balance.....		588 78

INDIAN MISSION.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....		2198 05
Receipts.		
W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery.....	1000 00	
Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	3380 93	
Mrs. Marg. Mathews, Bequest.....	5 00	
Mrs. Marg. Morrison, Bequest.....	422 00	
Mrs. Eliza White, Bequest.....	25 00	
Mrs. R. D. M. Williams.....	86 00	
1912 Dividends on regular endowment.....	110 00	
Local Receipts per W. W. Carithers.....	2436 15	
		7465 08
		9663 13
Expenditures.		
Local Expenses per W. W. Carithers.....	5203 77	
Traveling expenses of Workers.....	222 83	
Psalters and Psalm Selections.....	77 50	
Services in handling funds.....	175 64	
Salaries.....	3160 68	
		8840 42
May 1, 1912—Balance.....		822 71

SOUTHERN MISSION.

May 1, 1911—Balance..... 2811 19

Receipts.

Congs. Indv. and Societies.....	3431 40	
Local receipts per W. J. Sanderson.....	2859 83	
Mrs. Marg. Mathews, Bequest.....	5 00	
Chas. McIlroy, Bequest 4th payment.....	418 12	
1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund.....	583 28	
1912 Dividend on regular endowment.....	301 47	
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		7599 10
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		10410 29

Expenditures.

Traveling expenses of Workers.....	225 91	
Local expenses per W. J. Sanderson.....	2797 50	
Expenses in handling funds.....	200 73	
Miscellaneous expense.....	47 55	
Insurance.....	25 80	
Salaries.....	5929 00	
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		9226 39
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May 1, 1912—Balance.....		1183 90

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance overdrawn..... 13288 25

Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	1417 36	
Special subscriptions solicited.....	1283 65	
Concert, Rents	640 29	
Interest on Notes.....	203 05	
Tuition, regular	5888 70	
Tuition Eloc. Normal and Music.....	637 69	
Athletic Fees	448 00	
1912 Dividends on endowments.....	11005 68	
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		21524 42
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		8236 17

Expenditures.

Salaries to May 1, 1912.....	15415 54	
Prizes.....	75 00	
Printing	281 70	
Advertisement.....	281 11	
Interest on Notes.....	773 01	
Interest on overdraft.....	1120 08	
Expenses for handling funds.....	326 19	
Water, Fuel and Light.....	1033 95	
Supplies	1953 51	
Repairs and Improvements.....	2865 49	
R. R. expenses.....	136 53	
Incidental and Damage fees returned.....	584 30	
Supplies for Library	63 18	
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		24909 59
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May 1, 1912—Balance overdrawn.....		16673 42

GENEVA COLLEGE DORMITORY NOTE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance due Synod's Board.....	967 00
May 1, 1912—Balance.....	967 00

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT NOTE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	11935 23
Receipts.	
Paid on account of Notes.....	200 00
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May 1, 1912—Balance.....	11735 23

GENEVA COLLEGE GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance overdrawn.....	2583 76
Receipts.	
Collections by Rev. Robert Clarke.....	4344 12
Sale of Brick	14 00
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	4358 12
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	1774 36

Expenditures.

Salary and R. R. Expenses.....	1134 92
Plumbing Contract	1598 64
Apparatus.....	1122 88
Supplies and Improvements	224 96
Architect's services in full.....	200 00
Contractor on account.....	5000 00
Interest on overdraft.....	362 22
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	9643 62
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May 1, 1912—Balance overdrawn.....	7869 26

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	1459 96
Receipts.	
Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	1392 64
Mrs. Marg. Morrison, Bequest.....	422 00
Mrs. R. D. M. Williams, Bequest.....	43 00
1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund.....	583 28
1912 Dividend Ryegate & Barnet, Vt. Cong.....	17 88
1912 Dividend regular Endowment.....	3830 13
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	6288 93
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	7748 89

Expenditures.

Salaries.....	5500 04
Supplies.....	12 70
Services in handling Funds.....	125 46
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	5638 20
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May 1, 1912—Balance.....	2110 69

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	816 00
Receipts.	
Sale of duplicate books.....	13 86
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	829 86

Expenditures.

Books and Magazines.....	156 83
Indexing, Carding of books.....	153 45
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	310 28
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May 1, 1912—Balance.....	519 58

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	73 29
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Receipts.

Park Institute rent.....	800 00	
Park Institute Water tax 1911.....	40 00	
	840 00	

Expenditures.

1912 Taxes in part.....	366 81	
Natural Gas	33 36	
Artificial Gas	90	
Insurance Plate Glass	14 72	
Repairs.....	241 36	
Supplies.....	23 25	
	680 40	

May 1, 1912—Balance.....	232 89
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STUDENTS AID FUND.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	1705 97
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	620 30	
Rev. H. McCarroll Note in full.....	125 00	
1912 Dividend on regular Endowment.....	895 78	
	1641 08	

Expenditures.

Jas. B. Tweed.....	150 00	
F. F. Reade.....	150 00	
T. E. Graham.....	240 00	
E. K. Patton.....	275 00	
R. G. Graham.....	255 00	
W. Hilton Shaw.....	225 00	
Printing and Postage, Board of Control.....	2 50	
	1297 50	

May 1, 1912—Balance.....	2049 55
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AGED MINISTER'S ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	1519 60
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	537 67	
1912 Dividend Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee.....	137 50	
1912 Dividend James and Mary J. Carlisle.....	27 50	
1912 Dividend Mrs. E. S. E. McKee.....	27 50	
1912 Dividend regular Endowment.....	708 32	
	1438 49	

Expenditures.

Rev. D. H. Coulter.....	200 00	
D. S. Faris.....	300 00	
T. A. McElwaine.....	150 00	
J. M. Armour.....	300 00	
	2958 09	

J. C. K. Faris.....	150 00	
W. M. George.....	400 00	
		1500 00
May 1, 1912—Balance.....		1458 09

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN DECEASED MINISTERS.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....		1646 69
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	834 83	
1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund.....	583 28	
1912 Dividend Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee Fund	137 50	
1912 Dividend Mr. J. R. McKee Fund.....	110 00	
1912 Dividend regular Endowment.....	372 35	
1912 Dividend Mrs. E. S. E. McKee Fund.....	27 50	
		2065 46

3712 15

Expenditures.

Mrs. Susan Love.....	150 00	
Mrs. Ellen Taylor.....	50 00	
Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson.....	150 00	
Mrs. Marg. Lawson.....	400 00	
Mrs. R. R. Johnston.....	200 00	
Mrs. Nancy Reid.....	250 00	
Mrs. Sarah Clyde.....	300 00	
Miss Martha Cannon.....	150 00	
Miss Juliet Cannon.....	150 00	
Miss Juliet McDonald.....	150 00	
Miss Anna B. George.....	150 00	
		2100 00

May 1, 1912—Balance.....	1612 15
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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, CHINESE MISSION.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	582 38
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Receipts.

Congs. and Societies.....	24 45	
1912 Dividend D. Gregg Fund.....	583 28	
1912 Dividend regular Endowment Fund.....	22 00	
		629 73

1212 11

Expenditures.

Rent.....	180 00	
Salary Mrs. W. C. Allen.....	420 00	
		600 00

May 1, 1912—Balance.....	612 11
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WITNESS BEARING FUND.

May 1, 1911—Balance.....	2173 00
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. and Societies.....	2151 97	
Collections by Rev. W. J. McKnight.....	183 50	

Collections, J. M. Coleman.....	231 35	
Chas. McIlroy, Bequest, 4th payment.....	418 12	
		<hr/> 2984 94
		<hr/> 5157 94

Expenditures.

Salaries and Expenses of Workers.....	3975 41	
Advertisement.....	24 00	
Postage and Expressage.....	9 48	
Printing.....	26 75	
Expenses in handling funds.....	125 46	
		<hr/> 4161 10
May 1, 1912—Balance.....		<hr/> 996 84

BALANCE SHEET.**Liabilities.**

Total amount of Endowments.....	600648 40
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Sundry Accounts.

Sundries.....	184 37
Contingent.....	2857 18
Indian Mission.....	822 71
Theological Seminary Current.....	2110 69
Theological Seminary Library.....	519 58
Students Aid.....	2049 55
Memorial Bldg.....	232 89
Aged Ministers.....	1458 09
Widows and Children Fund.....	1612 15
Southern Mission.....	1183 90
Chinese Home Mission.....	612 11
Witness Bearing.....	996 84
Estate John Gibson, Deceased.....	200 00
Adamsville, Pa., Cong.....	318 20
Staunton, Ill., Cong. Donation.....	150 00
Rev. Chas. Clyde Home Fund.....	1028 71
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Fund.....	12 25
East Craftsbury, Vt. Church Fund.....	999 50
Rev. J. J. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin Cemetery ac.	5 75
Special Mortgage Account.....	1160 17
W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presbytery.....	200 00
Pitts. Presbytery Current Account.....	330 17
Investment Account.....	2350 00
Education Fund.....	1067 03
S. S. Convention.....	12 95
Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Bequest.....	100 00
Rochester, N. Y., Church Property Fund.....	3748 50
Sustentation Fund.....	588 78
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Assets.

David Gregg Mortgage Account.....	156500 00
Regular Mortgage Account.....	365359 04
Real Estate.....	51237 82
Office Furniture.....	200 00
Cash.....	23721 12
Temperance.....	124 23
Domestic.....	4882 58

Geneva College Current.....	16673 42	
Geneva College Dormitory Note.....	967 00	
Geneva College Gymnasium.....	7869 26	
Sundries.....	26 00	
		627560 47

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Ref. Pres. Church of N. A. to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts, Mortgages and other Securities, Cash in Bank and find same correct as per Report to 1912 Synod.

W. G. MILLER, Auditor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 23rd, 1912.

Philadelphia, May 3, 1912.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod
of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have audited the books and accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, from May 1, 1911 to April 30, 1912, and

WE CERTIFY that the statements of the various funds which are given herewith are properly prepared therefrom.

Yours very truly,

Price, Waterhouse & Co.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

Statement of Funds at April 30, 1912.

Syrian Mission, General Fund.....	\$ 2062 29
Syrian Hospital Fund.....	2332 73
Mersine Hospital Fund.....	415 95
China General Fund.....	2971 13
New Station in China Fund.....	4094 99
China Women's Educational Work Fund.....	1617 28
China Boys' School Building Fund.....	1293 90
Money in hands of Treasurer belonging to Rev. S. H. Kennedy.....	51
Latakia Church Building Fund.....	198 34
Tarsus Building Fund.....	4404 70
Rev. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund.....	13,494 92
Latakia Special Fund	17 00
China Special Fund.....	13 00
Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund.....	3270 45
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund.....	2873 30
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund.....	1721 41
Semi-Centennial Mission Fund.....	5924 00
Church Erection Fund.....	3403 95
Jewish Mission Fund.....	554 31

Cash Balance April 30, 1912..... \$50664 16

Cash Balance deposited as follows:

Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.....	2651 80
Central National Bank, Philadelphia.....	16729 90

Bank of North America, Philadelphia.....	21946 10
Real Estate Trust Co., Philadelphia.....	529 75
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	8806 61

Total.....	\$50664 16
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Syrian Mission General Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$11931 48
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Receipts

Congregations.....	\$9646 14	
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Soci- eties.....	2634 79	
Individuals.....	801 00	\$13081 93

Bequests and Legacies:

Mary Morrison.....	422 00
Sarah G. Zanesville.....	100 00
Mary Buchanan.....	100 00
Ann Boyd.....	50 00
Nancy Cormany.....	204 15
Rosanna D. M. Williams.....	95 00
Sarah McLain.....	10 00
Ellen Logan.....	300 00
Charles McIlroy, 4th payment.....	836 22

2117 37

Dividends:

D. Gregg.....	2916 37
On Invested Funds.....	2729 84
J. R. McKee Endowment.....	55 00
E. S. E. McKee Endowment.....	50 00
Ryegate and Barnett Congregation En- dowment.....	17 87

5769 08

Interest to date.....

114 10

Total Receipts.....

21082 48

TOTAL.....

\$33013 96

Disbursements

Latakia and Suadea Station:

Salaries.....	6202 20
Mission Expense.....	5806 73
Traveling and Shipping Expense.....	31 53

12040 46

Tarsus Station:

Salaries.....	4574 17
Mission Expense.....	6335 91
Traveling and Shipping Expense.....	53 26

10963 34

Cyprus Station:

Salaries.....	4771 00
Mission Expense.....	2576 74
Traveling and Shipping Expense.....	600 13

7947 87

Total Disbursements.....

30951 67

Balance April 30, 1912.....

2062 29

TOTAL.....

\$33013 96

Syrian Hospital Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 2586 98
Receipts	

Contributions from all sources:

For General Purposes.....	\$ 347 90
For Support of Beds.....	319 00
Dividend, Mrs. E. S. E. McKee Fund for support of bed.....	60 00
Interest to date.....	66 18

Total Receipts.....	793 08
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TOTAL.....	\$ 3380 06
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Disbursements

Montgomery Ward & Co., supplies.....	47 33
Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treas- urer.....	1000 00

Total Disbursements.....	1047 33
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Balance April 30, 1912.....	2332 73
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TOTAL.....	\$ 3380 06
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Mersine Hospital Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 393 86
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Receipts

Contributions from all sources.....	\$ 10 00
Interest to date.....	12 09 22 09

TOTAL.....	\$ 415 95
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China Mission General Fund, April 30, 1912.

Receipts

Congregations.....	\$ 9763 39
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Socie- ties.....	1882 51
Individuals.....	705 30

Bequests:

Ann Boyd.....	\$ 50 00
Rosanna D. M. Williams.....	95 00
	145 00

Dividend on Endowment.....	13 06
Interest to date.....	50 74

Transferred from Rev. R. A. Blair Acct	1089 58
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Transferred from Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, account salary J. A. Kempf.....	1050 00
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Transferred from China New Station Account, account salaries Rev. E. C. Mitchell and Dr. J. McBurney..	815 00 2954 58
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Total Receipts.....	\$15514 58
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Disbursements

Salaries.....	\$10718 76
Mission Expense.....	708 92
Traveling and Shipping Expense.....	1115 77

Total Disbursements.....	12543 45
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Balance April 30, 1912.....	2971 13
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Total.....	\$15514 58
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China New Station Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 4790 74	
Receipts		
Interest to date.....	119 25	
TOTAL.....		\$ 4909 99
Disbursements		
Transferred to China General Fund to cover salaries Rev. E. C. Mitchell and Dr. J. McBurney	815 00	
Balance April 30, 1912.....	4094 99	
TOTAL.....		\$ 4909 99

China Women's Educational Work Fund, April 30, 1912.

Receipts		
Contributions from Pittsburgh Women's Presbyterian Missionary Society	\$ 1577 88	
Interest to date.....	39 40	
Balance April 30, 1912.....		\$ 1617 28

China Boys' School Building Fund, April 30, 1912.

Receipts		
Contributions from all sources.....	\$ 1266 09	
Transferred from Rev. R. A. Blair Account.....	15 00	
Interest to date.....	12 81	
Balance April 30, 1912.....		\$ 1293 90

Rev. R. A. Blair, Field Secretary, Account, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 1048 08	
Receipts		
From Rev. R. A. Blair.....	69 50	
Total Receipts.....		\$ 1117 58
Disbursements		
Transferred to China General Fund.....	1089 58	
Transferred to China Special Fund.....	13 00	
Transferred to China Boys' Building Fund.....	15 00	
Total Disbursements.....		\$ 1117 58

Money in hands of Treasurer belonging to Rev. S. H. Kennedy, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 64 11	
Receipts		
Contribution for Building Fund.....	25 00	
Total Receipts.....		\$ 89 11
Disbursements		
Remittance to Rev. S. H. Kennedy for Bldg. Fund	25 00	
Personal Bill paid for Rev. S. H. Kennedy.....	63 60	
Total Disbursements.....	88 60	
Balance April 30, 1912.....	51	
TOTAL.....		\$ 89 11

Latakia Church Building Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 192 58
Interest to date.....	5 76

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$ 198 34

Tarsus Building Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 4276 42
Interest to date.....	128 28

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$ 4404 70

Rev. D. J. Shaw, Foreign Mission Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$13101 89
Interest to date.....	393 03

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$13494 92

Special Contribution Funds, April 30, 1912.**LATAKIA—**

Receipts from all sources.....	\$ 775 35
Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treasurer.....	758 35

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$ 17 00

SUADEA—

Contributions from all sources.....	\$ 25 00
Transferred from Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund.....	46 08

71 08

Remittances to Dr. J. M. Balph, Treasurer.....	\$ 71 08
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TARSUS—

Receipts from all sources.....	\$ 275 85
Remittances to Dr. John Peoples.....	275 85

CYPRUS—

Receipts from all sources.....	\$ 638 50
Remittances to Rev. Walter McCarroll, Treasurer.....	638 50

CHINA MISSION—

Receipts from all sources.....	\$ 1675 13
Remittances to Rev. J. K. Robb, Treasurer.....	1662 13

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$ 13 00

Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 4225 20
Receipts	
Interest to date.....	95 25

TOTAL..... \$ 4320 45

Disbursements

Transferred to China General Fund account salary J. A. Kempf.....	1050 00
Balance April 30, 1912.....	3270 45

TOTAL..... \$ 4320 45

Isabella Stewart Martin Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 2789 63
Interest to date.....	83 67

Balance April 30, 1912..... \$ 2873 30

Martha Cunningham Memorial Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 46 08
Transferred to Suadea Special Fund.....	46 08

David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 1671 28
Interest to date.....	50 13

Balance April 30, 1912.....	\$ 1721 41
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Semi-Centennial Fund, April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 6279 97
Receipts	

Interest to date.....	172 53
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TOTAL.....	\$ 6452 50
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Disbursements

Repairs to Latakia Chapel.....	\$ 500 00
Sundry printing expenses.....	28 50

Total Disbursements	528 50
Balance April 30, 1912.....	5924 00

TOTAL.....	\$ 6452 50
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Treasurer's Expense Account for Year Ending April 30, 1912.

Stenographer.....	\$ 354 00
Postage.....	27 50
Office Supplies.....	17 90
Bond of Treasurer.....	50 00
Auditing Accounts, year 1910-11.....	50 00

TOTAL.....	\$ 499 40
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Distributed as follows:

China Mission Expense.....	199 76
Latakia Mission Expense.....	99 88
Tarsus Mission Expense.....	99 88
Cyprus Mission Expense.....	99 88

TOTAL.....	\$ 499 40
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S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.

**BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION OF THE REFORMED PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.****April 30, 1912.**

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 6127 67
Receipts	

Congregations.....	\$1670 95
Sabbath Schools.....	4 61
Individuals.....	96 60
Refund of Appropriation made to Kan- sas City Congregation.....	1500 00

Dividends:		
David Gregg Fund.....	\$583 28	
Invested Fund..	187 00	
	<hr/>	770 28
Interest to date.....		48 84
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Total Receipts....		4091 28
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TOTAL.....		\$10218 95
Disbursements		
Parnassus Congregation, Parnassus, Pa		1000 00
Geneva Congregation, Beaver Falls, Pa.		2000 00
Kansas City Congregation, Kansas		
City, Mo.		1500 00
Eskridge Congregation, Eskridge, Kan.		1500 00
Regina Congregation, Regina, Sask.,		
Canada.....		800 00
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		6800 00
Expenses, printing mortgages, etc....		15 00
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Total Disbursements.....		6815 00
Balance April 30, 1912.....		3403 95
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TOTAL.....		\$10218 95

S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.

THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTER- IAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

April 30, 1912.

Balance May 1, 1911.....	\$ 844 73	
Receipts		
Congregations.....	\$1141 88	
Sabbath Schools and Societies.....	211 38	
Individuals and Bequests.....	225 23	
Interest on Deposits.....	29 48	
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Total Receipts.....		1607 98
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TOTAL.....		\$ 2452 71
Disbursements		
Salaries.....	1397 50	
Mission Expense.....	500 90	
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Total Disbursements.....		1898 40
Balance April 30, 1912.....		554 31
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TOTAL.....		\$ 2452 71

S. A. S. Metheny, Treas.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

Your Board of Control would report that our annual meeting was held at Wyman, Ia., Nov. 14, 1911. We considered the applications before us and dispensed \$1285 among six Students of Theology, \$1500

among six aged ministers and \$2500 among twelve widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

The terms of C. D. Trumbull and S. E. McElhinney expire with this meeting of Synod and their successors should be appointed. We ask the usual appropriation for the funds disbursed by us.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Geo. A. Edgar, Sec'y.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER OF LITERARY FUND.

May First 1911 to May First 1912.

May 1, 1911, Balance.....		\$ 1740 08
Receipts—		
Collections.....	\$ 1 00	
Sale of Testimonies and Disciplines.....	27 82	
Sale of Rouse version Psalms.....	25 85	
Sale of 1889 Double Psalters.....	52 72	
Sale of Psalm Selections.....	41 98	
Sale of Confession of Faith.....	9 00	
Sale of 1911 Minutes of Synod.....	317 45	
Sale of old Minutes of Synod.....	60	
Sale of 1911 Daily Bible Readings.....	70 89	
Sale of 1911 Young People's Topic Cards.....	21 71	
Sale of Story Covenanter Church.....	15 30	
Sale of Miscellaneous books.....	50	
Balance Trav. Fund 1911 Synod.....	21 40	
Mrs. J. J. McClurkin, Bequest order Synod.....	712 62	
Sale first edition 1912 Book of Psalms.....	719 25	
Sale second edition 1912 Book of Psalms.....	1398 36	\$ 3436 45

5176 53

Expenditures—

Print. 1911 Synod's Order of Business.....	5 00	
Print. 1911 Appropriation blanks.....	10 50	
Print 1911 Minutes of Synod.....	229 50	
Print. 1911 Daily Bible Readings.....	41 25	
Print. 1911 Young People's Cards.....	17 75	
Print. Manual of Doctrine.....	35 19	
Print. Ref. Pres. Catechism.....	14 50	
Print. Ref. Pres. Testimony.....	200 00	
Cuts for Minutes of Synod.....	5 50	
Additional expenses 1910 Minutes.....	6 00	
Ad in Christian Nation.....	6 00	
Ad in Olive Trees.....	6 00	
Storage on Synod's Trunk.....	5 00	
Appropriation to West. Sect. Pres. Alliance.....	40 00	
Paid to Trav. Fund Committee.....	18 66	
Wrapping Paper.....	7 24	
Story of Covenanter Church.....	13 06	
Postage on 1911 Minutes of Synod.....	33 33	
Postage, Expressage and Freight on books.....	157 22	
Expenses of Plates, Printing and Binding first and second editions of 1912 Book of Psalms.....	3360 26	
Balance.....	964 57	\$ 5176 53
May 1, 1912, Balance.....		964 57

We have compared the above Report with the Treasurer's books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Committee.

Jno. M. Allen,
George A. McKee
Committee.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

Dear Brethren:

As the last edition of the Psalm Selections is exhausted, we await your instructions as to printing a new edition.

James S. Tibby, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

May First, 1911 to May First, 1912.

May 1st, 1911, Balance..... \$ 3492 43

Receipts.

Congregations, Individuals and Societies.....	\$13539 06	
Suscriptions to Christian Statesman.....	1030 93	
Bequest of Miss Ann Boyd, Utica, O.....	50 00	
Bequest of Chas. McIlroy, Sparta, Ill., being the fourth payment of five.....	418 12	
Sale of Literature.....	135 78	15173 89
		<hr/> 18666 32

Expenditures.

Office Supplies and Expenses.....	1008 56	
Traveling expenses of Workers.....	3722 28	
Printing C. Statesman and Tracts.....	2093 03	
Salaries.....	6818 72	
Special Advertising.....	4020 00	
Convention expenses.....	703 55	18366 14

May 1st, 1912, Balance..... 360 18

James S. Tibby, Financial Agent.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 3rd, 1912.

We have compared the above Report with the Treasurer's Books, which have been audited and found correct by the undersigned Auditing Committee.

J. H. Redpath
J. R. Wylie
Aud. Comm.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. P. WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAVING IN CHARGE THE AGED PEOPLE'S HOME.

Summary.

March 1st 1911, Balance..... \$ 1688 45

Receipts.

Eda S. E. McKee Room.....	\$ 10 70
Ward Robe Committee Room.....	2 00
Manager's Cont. Fund.....	13 50
Congregational Collections.....	523 72
Account of Members.....	2703 25
Membership Dues.....	183 00

Interest.....	279 23	
Admission Fees.....	600 00	
Current Expense.....	6268 09	10483 49
		<hr/> \$12171 94

Expenditures.

Eda S. E. McKee Room.....	9 15	
J. A. McKee Room.....	8 50	
J T. Morton Room.....	8 20	
McIntosh Room.....	10 50	
Manager's Cont. Fund.....	23 45	
Interest.....	1004 50	
House Expense.....	2028 05	
Salary.....	1485 85	
Mortgage.....	4300 00	
Current Expense.....	2364 27	11242 47
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Balance March 1st, 1912.....		\$ 929 47

Respectfully submitted,

ANNETTE G. WALLACE, Treas.

We, the undersigned, have examined the Treasurer's Report of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association, and find it true and correct for the year from March 1st, 1911, to March 1st, 1912.

WILLIAM J. WARD,

WM. ESLER,

CHAS. H. HASLETT.

SPECIAL BALANCE SHEET.

Fund	Overdrawn	Balance
Students' Aid Fund.....		\$ 2049 55
Aged Ministers' Fund.....		1458 09
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....		1612 15
Theological Seminary.....		2110 69
Jewish Mission.....		554 31
Southern Mission.....		1183 90
Indian Mission.....		822 71
Domestic Mission.....	4882 50	
Chinese Home Mission Fund.....		612 11
Syrian Mission.....		2062 29
Temperance.....	124 23	
Mission in China.....		5924 00
Witness Bearing.....		996 84
Geneva College.....	16673 42	
Church Erection.....		3403 95
Sustentation.....		588 78
Literary Fund.....		519 58
Aged People's Home.....		574 29
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	\$21680 23	\$24473 24

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association would respectfully report that during the year closing March 1st, 1912, twenty-four

meetings were held in the interest of the Aged People's Home; five of the Association, four of the Board of Directors and fifteen of the Board of Managers.

The attendance has been good and the members of all committees have been attentive in the performance of their several duties.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote sixty-five postals, eighty-five pulpit notices, and fourteen letters, distributed five hundred fifty-eight printed reports and sent out invitations for the Annual Reception.

During the year three persons have been received into the Home, Mrs. Dorcas Laughlin of Sterling, Kansas, June 12th, 1911; Mrs. Margaret Neil, Pittsburg, Penna., August 7th, 1911; and Miss Mary A. Young, New Galilee, Penna., November 23rd, 1911.

Three of our members have been removed by death, Mr. William Kerr, March 20th, 1911; Miss Mary Silliman, April 3rd, 1911; and Mrs. Sarah B. Magee, October 21st, 1911.

The number in the house at present is twenty-five.

The health of our Matron, Miss Jamison, is much improved and she has given herself unreservedly to the care of those in the Home.

Donation and Reception Day was held October 19th, 1911. The gifts in money amounted to Four Hundred Fifty-three Dollars and many other gifts were received.

Nineteen sermons have been preached in the Home by the following Ministers and Licentiates: Dr. W. J. Coleman, Rev. J. G. McElhinney, Rev. S. R. Wallace, Rev. John Yates, Dr. D. C. Martin, Dr. T. H. Acheson, Dr. R. C. Wylie, Mr. F. E. Allen, Mr. Thomas McKnight, Mr. M. S. McMillan, Mr. John Rutherford, Mr. George Coleman, Mr. F. F. Reade, Mr. J. Boyd Tweed and Mr. Paul Coleman.

A Thanksgiving service was held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day conducted by Dr. T. H. Acheson, and prayer meetings have been held every Wednesday evening.

The hearty response of the members of the Synod to the invitation of the Women's Association to visit the Home on June first gave us great pleasure, and we trust that it gave the Church an increased interest in the Home.

We desire to express our gratitude to all the friends who have so generously contributed fruit and gifts of various kinds throughout the year, and to the Physicians, Ministers and Students in their work of comfort and love.

Three new Life Members have been added to the Association, Mrs. R. J. Gault, Gertrude Elizabeth Martin and Mrs. W. R. Porter.

The Congregational collections amounted to Five Hundred, Twenty-three Dollars and Seventy-two cents.

You will see by referring to the financial report to this Synod that the indebtedness on the Home property has been greatly reduced in the past two years. We have been able to do this by the use of funds, part of which came to us by bequest and part from the money brought in by members.

We again ask for an appropriation of One Thousand Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Domestic Mission Conference, composed of the Central Board of Missions and representatives of the several Presbyteries, met in the Morning Sun Reformed Presbyterian Church, May 28, 1912, at 9:00 a. m., and was called to order and opened with prayer by John

Yates, chairman of the Central Board of Missions. John Yates was elected chairman, John Coleman, secretary, and G. R. Steele, assistant secretary. Appropriations amounting to \$11,662 were recommended for the following congregations:

Colorado Presbytery.

Evans.....	\$100 00
Greeley.....	200 00
La Junta	300 00

Kansas Presbytery.

Hebron.....	\$200 00
Kansas City.....	250 00
Stafford.....	300 00
for settlement, the congregation to bring the total to \$1,000; and \$120 for supplies.	
Tabor.....	\$200 00

Iowa Presbytery.

Vernon.....	\$200 00
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Illinois Presbytery.

Coulterville, as much as the congregation contributes up to....	\$350 00
Selma.....	400 00
Sparta.....	100 00

Ohio Presbytery.

Belle Center	\$200 00
Bellefontaine, as much as the congregation contributes up to..	\$400 00
Cedarville.....	\$200 00
for a settlement, and \$100.00 for supplies one-half time.	
Cincinnati.....	300 00
Detroit.....	\$750 00
to be placed in the hands of the Central Board of Missions for the development of that field.	
Fairgrove.....	\$200 00
for a settlement, and \$100 for supplies one-half time.	
Hetherton.....	\$300 00
for a settlement, and \$5 per day for supplies after the congregation has contributed \$400.	
Southfield.....	\$350 00

Pacific Coast Presbytery.

Content.....	\$200 00
to be put in the hands of the Pacific Coast Presbytery for the development of that field.	
Regina.....	\$400 00
for a settlement and \$200 for supplies.	
Santa Ana.....	\$400 00

Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Bear Run and Mahoning.....	\$200 00
Connellsville.....	120 00
to be placed in the hands of Pittsburgh Presbytery for the development of that field.	
McKeesport.....	\$500 00
Mercer.....	200 00
North Union.....	50 00
Slippery Rock.....	100 00
Youngstown.....	650 00

New York Presbytery.

Brooklyn.....	\$100 00
Cambridge.....	250 00
Coldenham.....	200 00
after the congregation has expended \$500.	
Second Boston.....	600 00
West Hebron.....	400 00
White Lake.....	200 00

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery.

Barnesville.....	7 00
per day for four months.	
Cornwallis.....	350 00
St. John.....	400 00

Rochester Presbytery.

Lisbon.....	\$300 00
Lochiel.....	200 00
Syracuse.....	150 00

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That we express our hearty appreciation of the action of Los Angeles, Cal., Washington, Iowa, and Superior, Neb., in becoming self-sustaining, and Cambridge, Mass., and Kansas City on their progress toward self-support.

2. That we would suggest to the Colorado Presbytery the propriety of uniting, as soon as possible, Greeley and Evans under one pastorate; to the Kansas Presbytery, a similar action in regard to Tabor and Hebron; to the Illinois Presbytery, a similar action in regard to Sparta and Coulterville; to the Ohio Presbytery, a similar action in regard to Belle Center and Bellefontaine; to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery, a similar action in regard to St. John and Barnesville; to the New York Presbytery, the advisability of so re-adjusting congregational lines in the vicinity of Boston that there will be, if possible, two self-sustaining congregations.

3. That the Selma congregation through its local board of deacons and finance committee make a monthly report to the Central Board of the amount of money raised for pastor's salary and that they be urged to increased liberality and prompt payment.

4. That we approve the action of Kansas Presbytery in recommending the Home Mission Secretary to investigate the Robstown, Texas, field, if in his judgment this shall seem justifiable; and that we look with favor on Winnipeg and Hemet as fields offering the possibility of new work in the near future.

5. That we believe that mission funds should be used in doing mission work, and that congregations receiving aid from the home mission funds ought to show that they are engaged in doing home mission work as a condition of future appropriations.

(Signed.) JOHN YATES, Ch'm'n.

JOHN COLEMAN, Sec'y.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Recommitted.

Item 3. In the discussion of this item the time of W. P. Johnston was extended to complete his remarks. During the discussion of this item the time for adjournment arrived. Synod took recess until 7:00 o'clock. Prayer by W. W. Carithers.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, 7 o'clock. Synod came to order at the above hour, and was led in prayer by E. C. Mitchell. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of Committee on Discipline. Item No. 3 of the report, under discussion at the close of the afternoon session, was taken up. After discussion, D. H. Elliott offered the following substitute: That the action of the Synod of 1877, relating to the interchange of pulpits, be re-affirmed, with the understanding that it does not forbid a minister of an evangelical church from delivering a special message, the pastor being present, in favor of any special work, of which our church approves.

On laying this item on the table to entertain this substitute, the ayes and nays were called for. The vote is as follows:

Aye:—Acheson, W. C. Allen, James Anderson, Blackwood, Blair, Boggs, T. H. Boyd, G. A. Calderwood, J. C. Calderwood, J. W. F. Carlisle, S. H. Carlisle, James Carson, W. A. Carson, Cathcart, Clark, Coulter, Crowe, J. W. Dill, J. Boggs Dodds, J. E. Dodds, Dunlap, G. A. Edgar, Elliott, Elsey, Ervin, Euwer, Ewing, J. M. Faris, Ferguson, H. G. Foster, J. E. Foster, French, Gault, George, Gilmore, G. N. Greer, S. E. Greer, Hawthorn, A. J. Henderson, Jack, W. P. Johnston, Joseph, A. Kilpatrick, C. M. Kilpatrick, Kingston, Logan, D. C. Martin, George Martin, J. S. Martin, R. H. Martin, McBurney, McClement, McConaughy, McCune, McDonald, McGaw, A. J. McFarland, Jr., McKeown, McLaury, McMillan, McNaughton, Meyer, E. C. Mitchell, W. S. Mitchell, Montgomery, D. C. Paterson, Patton, J. H. Piper, R. W. Piper, Pearce, J. G. Reed, G. C. Robb, A. A. Samson, L. M. Samson, O. L. Samson, Sanderson Shaw, Sommerville, Summerland, Torrens, J. Walker Thompson, C. D. Trumbull, T. S. Trumbull, Twinam, Walker, J. H. Walkinshaw, R. J. Wallace, S. R. Wallace, F. M. Wilson, Woodside, J. M. Wylie, R. C. Wylie, -Yates,—93.

Nays—Aiken, F. E. Allen, Bowes, P. P. Boyd, Carithers, J. M. Coleman, John Coleman, Paul Coleman, W. J. Coleman, Conner, Darrah, Dickey, S. F. Dill, J. W. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, J. D. Edgar, D. C. Faris, D. S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, Fee, Forsythe, F. M. Foster, J. M. Foster, Fravel, Frazier, Graham, J. M. Johnston, S. J. Johnston, Kennedy, Marshall, Mathews,

McClurkin, Charles McElhinney, J. G. McElhinney, McFall, A. J. McFarland, Sr., McFeeters, McKee, McKelvey, E. L. McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, Robert McKnight, T. C. McKnight, W. J. McKnight, J. T. Mitchell, Morton, Morrow, Muirhead, Robert Park, W. T. Park, H. G. Paterson, S. C. Paterson, Pritchard, G. M. Robb, W. M. Robb, Sharpe, T. M. Slater, J. C. Slater, Steele, Stevenson, J. S. Thompson, O. F. Thompson, W. T. K. Thompson, Tippin, Adam Walkinshnw, D. B. Willson, J. E. Wilson, A. A. Wylie, J. Ralston Wylie,—69. Not voting 2.

E. W. Morton was excused for the remaining sessions of Synod.

Pending the discussion of this substitute, Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. P. P. Boyd adjourned the court with prayer.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a. m.

Synod convened at the above hour, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Roll call was dispensed with. Synod engaged in the usual half hour devotional exercises, led by C. D. Trumbull.

Minutes of Tuesday evening session were read and approved. A communication from the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church, relating to the encroaching power of the Papacy in politics, was read. The clerk was directed to reply to this communication, setting forth the action of this court on the matter referred to in the communication.

The report of Committees on Records of Presbyteries was called for. The committees on the records of Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Rochester, reported that they found nothing contrary to the law and order of the church.

The Committee to examine the records of New York Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that on pages 181, 185 and 186 the roll is omitted, and on pages 183 and 184 no distinction is made between ministers and elders.

The Committee to examine the records of Philadelphia Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that the minutes on page 203 contains no rec-

ord of any members of Presbytery in attendance at that meeting besides the Moderator and Clerk, who signed the minutes.

The Committee to examine the records of the Pacific Coast Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that on pages 8 and 10 there is no mention of prayer when resuming business after a recess.

The Committee to examine the records of Ohio Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that on pages 89 and 92 we find records of the Presbytery signed only by the Clerk.

The Committee to examine the records of Pittsburg Presbytery reported nothing contrary to the law and order of the church, except that the minute on page 367 is incomplete through the omission of a name, and on page 381 the date of J. L. McCartney's death is omitted.

Item 20 of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, referring to the correction of the minutes of last year, was taken from the table.

J. S. Thompson, the former Clerk of Synod, read the report in connection with this matter. The report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1911.

In accordance with your instructions 1000 copies of the Minutes of 1911 were printed, the work being done by the Tribune Printing Co. of Beaver Falls, Pa., and were placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer, for sale. The financial item connected with this work will appear in the report of the Treasurer on the sale of the Minutes.

The following corrections should be made to the Minutes as printed:

Page 9, item 4 should read: The Committee reported. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the Committee was continued.

Page 9, item 5 should read: Attended to.

Page 34, line 11 for R. E. Allen read F. E. Allen.

Page 49 to appointments of T. C. Sproull add, March, April, Colorado; May, Kan.

Page 52, item 7, for R. H. Sommerville read R. M. Sommerville.

Page 88, line 9 from bottom read, Rev. J. S. Duncan, account note \$10.00.

Page 150, to ministerial roll of Col. Pres. add names of S. Edgar and J. K. Robb.

The attention of Synod is again called to the discrepancy between the official roll of Synod as found on pages 4, 5 and 6 and the roll of ministers found in the statistical tables. This discrepancy is due to the carelessness of Clerks of Presbyteries in preparing their statistical tables. For instance the names of two ministers are omitted from the statistical tables of the Colorado Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Two o'clock this afternoon was fixed as the hour for hearing reports on the deaths of J. L. McCartney and R. J. Gault; ten minutes to be spent in memorial services.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report at next meeting of Synod:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—T. H. Acheson, F. M. Wilson, J. Boggs Dodds, J. E. Dodds, J. H. Piper.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—S. E. Greer, R. W. Piper, F. M. Foster, S. F. Dill, G. A. Calderwood.

PSALMODY—O. F. Thompson, R. C. Wylie, M. A. Gault, R. J. Cathcart, Dr. Jas. Blackwood, Joseph Woodside.

SECRET SOCIETIES—John Coleman, W. O. Ferguson, J. M. Foster, Geo. Tippin, G. G. McLaury.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES—J. G. McElhinney, J. D. Edgar, R. C. Montgomery, J. G. Stevenson, Adam Walkinshaw.

STATE OF RELIGION—T. C. McKnight, W. J. Coleman, D. H. Elliott, J. Walker Thompson, J. H. Summerland.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—W. M. Robb, R. A. Blair, D. C. Mathews, James Carson, Geo. A. McKee.

THE SABBATH—H. G. Patterson, H. H. George, Thomas McFall, James Fee, A. J. Henderson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—The clerks of Synod.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—Robert Park, A. A. Samson, T. M. Slater, Geo. Walker, C. W. Fravel.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. M. Coleman, A. A. Wylie, G. A. Edgar, J. A. Forsythe, Joseph Woodside.

An invitation to Synod from the pastor of the Chicago congregation to hold its next meeting in their church was read, and referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting. The time of holding next meeting was also referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The report of the Judicial Commission in the case from Santa Ana congregation was read; also the minutes of said Commission. (For report and minutes of this commission, see last reports of this session of Synod.)

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College reported. The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Items 3, 4, 5, 6. Adopted.

With reference to the College,

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were adopted.

Item 5. During the discussion of this item the noon hour arrived.

J. C. McFeeters was excused from the remaining sessions of the court, on account of sickness in his home. Synod took recess until 1 o'clock.

Prayer by J. B. Gilmore.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, June 5, 1 o'clock p. m.

Synod came together at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by M. M. Pearce. The calling of the roll was omitted. Minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

The report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the table.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted. The report of the Committee was then adopted as a whole. It is as follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The results which were obtained from efforts to follow the plan of work suggested to this Committee at the last meeting of Synod show the necessity of more thorough education in the teachings of God's word as to the duty of tithe-paying under the New Testament dispensation, and of more definite instruction as to how the tithe is to be ascertained. When the obligation to pay the tithe and the rules for computing the tithe are clearly understood, there is the additional necessity of adopting systematic plans for collecting and distributing the Lord's money. Because this is not done the best results are not obtained from what is given and in some cases at least, money is withheld because of what is considered unwise distribution.

On seeking to learn the number of tithers in the Covenanter church, a card was sent to each congregation and mission station. Replies were received from forty-three congregations representing three thousand eight hundred and sixty members. The number of tithers reported from these congregations is one thousand and ninety—about twenty-nine percent. A second inquiry, to learn if there had been any increase, was not made. Some did not report until they had conducted a campaign of education on tithing. From a few reports received there is evidence that considerable progress has been made but it is a subject on which careful and constant instructions are needed and it will be gratifying if we shall in a number of years find all our people living up to their financial obligations to their Lord. It is safe to say that not more than one-fourth of our membership accurately and systematically pay the tithe and perhaps one-fifth would be nearer the true proportion.

We would call attention of Covenanters to the following scripture teachings: The tithe, together with marriage and the Sabbath, were three fundamental institutions of the kingdom of God. They were recognized in the constitutional law of that kingdom for twenty-five centuries, and all three are re-stated by Christ. Many are confused concerning the perpetuity of tithing because they find this duty specially emphasized in the Levitical law. But we find marriage

and the Sabbath also emphasized there. These we admit to be perpetual. The fact that these institutions are emphasized in the parenthetical and typical Jewish dispensation only demonstrates their importance to the priesthood of believers. They who are to be unto Jehovah "a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation" cannot set aside the fundamental principles of that kingdom. As if to anticipate the objection which is made to tithing as being a Levitical law only, the writer to the Hebrews in an argument showing that there is a change of the law because there is a change in the priesthood clearly states that Abraham as a patriarch paid tithes to Melchizedek who was "Priest of God Most High." It is evident therefore that we who are Abraham's seed because we are Christ's are to pay tithes to our High Priest of whom Melchizedek was the special type.

If any may be inclined to neglect the duty of presenting the obligations of christian stewardship, we would call their attention to a statement made by one who has investigated the New Testament on this subject. He says, Christ "spoke often on the subject of money and of covetousness. One verse in every four in the gospels by Matthew, Mark, and Luke have to do with these subjects, and one verse in every six in the whole New Testament."

In addition to the scripture argument on this subject the duties of Christian stewardship will be more fully recognized and performed by the adoption of a systematic plan for the payment and the distribution of the Lord's money.

Synod adopts the following to govern in the management of the Lord's money:

1. Upon the first day of the week let each one lay by him in store one-tenth of his net income before making provision for his personal or domestic needs.

2. That our offerings be paid weekly, as far as possible, by the use of envelopes upon which is printed all the schemes of the church.

3. That the deacons or a financial committee be urged to visit all the members at least once a year and set before them the financial needs of the church.

4. Individuals and congregations are reminded that the Lord's work is one; that contributing to favorite schemes which deprive other schemes of their proportion or the pastor of his proper support, is not a just apportionment of the Lord's money.

5. While congregations which are not self-supporting are urged to make their own support the special object of their contributions, yet this is not to be interpreted as prohibiting contributions to the public work of the Church.

6. We recommend that the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be made a permanent committee to suggest rules for ascertaining the tithe, and assisting the church officers in meeting the increasing claims of the kingdom of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. M. WYLIE,
B. M. SHARP
R. J. G. MCKNIGHT
J. W. CARSON,
W. W. MITCHELL.
Committee.

The Special Committee to which was referred the question of rescinding the action of the Synod of 1889, in regard to voting on amendments, reported. During the discussion of this report, the order of the day arrived. The Committees on the deaths of J. L. McCartney and R. J. Gault reported. The reports were accepted and are as follows:

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF DR. J. L. McCARTNEY.

It pleased God in his infinite sovereignty to spare the life of Dr. McCartney to an advanced and ripe old age, when his subdued and mellow experience could illustrate the truth that God was upright, a rock to His people, and that there was no unrighteousness in Him. God satisfied him with long life, till he waited patiently to depart and be with Christ.

Dr. McCartney spent a little season at the beginning of his public life in journalism. He afterwards became pastor of the congregation of Northwood, Ohio, where he spent many years in that service until he attained a high standing as a careful, tender, and efficient pastor. He excelled at the bedside of the sick and dying. With a soft and sympathetic voice, with a clear and definite knowledge of the consoling words of scripture bearing upon such an occasion, and a power of prayer but few are possessed of, to cheer the hearts of the feeble and the distressed, and pressed the spirits of those departing, into the hands of the great Jehovah God of truth who had redeemed them. Many yet living, who were his parishioners, can bear testimony to his kindness, sympathy and efficiency as a pastor.

Early in his ministry in Northwood, he became connected with Geneva College, and he remained its firm friend and devoted helper as long as his life lasted.

While the College, in those its early days was passing through vicissitudes and discouragements that sometimes seemed to threaten its very existence, Dr. McCartney never faltered in his faith in its ultimate success, he planned for it—he worked for it, he prayed for it in the firm hope that it would one day become a most important arm of the Church.

He became one of the professors in the College, while yet in his pastorate in Northwood. In its removal to Beaver Falls, he came with it and continued as a professor in it for several years. He travelled for its endowment, and also raised some money that colored people could have opportunity to get the benefit of the College.

We note:

I. That in the death of Dr. McCartney the Church has lost a sincere Christian brother, one who dearly loved his Saviour, who in his last years especially walked close to God—who loved the principles of the Church—was a man of peace—and one who was anxious for the welfare and prosperity of Zion.

II. That while his sons did not see their way clear to remain in the service of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,—they did not give their lives up to any menial service or to any mere business pursuits. We note, with satisfaction, that the whole four of them are today doing efficient esrvice in the ministry of a sister church,—some of them having already attained to an eminent degree of success.

III. We hereby tender to Mrs. McCartney, his wife, who in her advanced years is feeling very deeply her desolation, the sincerest sympathy of the church, and pray that she may be sustained and

comforted by the Spirit of all comfort, till her years be ended, when she may have a joyful entrance into the rest prepared for the people of God.

IV. We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. McCartney and to the Church papers.

H. H. George

R. C. Wylie

R. H. Martin

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF REV. R. J. GAULT.

The class of 1890 of our seminary, though consisting of only four members, had two very interesting, attractive men, the scholarly, affable, John Knox Reed, whose work on earth was cut short by an early death; and the grave, serious, painstaking Robert John Gault, whose life, even in student days, was pre-eminently mature. Both were characterized by a deep, steady undercurrent of spirituality. Death, which severed them for a time, has again united them, ushering them, as we believe, into the presence of the Saviour, whom they lovingly served, and before whom now they are glad with exceeding joy.

R. J. Gault was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, 1853, united with the Church in the Vernon Congregation, graduated from Monmouth College in 1886, was four years pastor at Mansfield, O., whence he was called to New Alexandria, Pa. During the fifteen years of his pastorate here he did not miss a Sabbath through illness. When he felt sickness laying its grip upon him he went to N. Y. in hope that the climate of that state would benefit him. Death, however, drew on with steady pace until Monday, August 21st, when he fell asleep in Jesus at Walton, N. Y.

Throughout his sickness his wife (he having married Miss Helen Russell, of Bovina, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1891) was his devoted attendant.

Those to whom he had ministered as pastor testify to his fidelity as pastor and preacher. His epitaph is inscribed on the fleshly tables of their loving hearts.

His chief characteristic was unselfishness and the faith which works by love. His death impressed those who were with him as remarkable as a display of faith, the culmination of a life of faith. Many doubtless have lived greater lives, few better. "He being dead yet speaketh."

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) R. J. Dodds

T. H. Acheson,

W. G. Robb.

Remarks on the deaths of these brethern were made by R. J. Dodds, H. H. George, S. J. Crowe, S. C. Paterson, J. D. Edgar, D. B. Willson, A. Kilpatrick, R. A. Blair, J. S. Martin and R. H. Martin. These memorial services were closed, C. D. Trumbull leading in prayer.

Consideration of the report of the Special Committee on rescinding the action of the Synod of 1889, in regard to voting on amendments, was resumed. Action on the report of this committee was postponed until next meeting of the Synod.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 6. The Committee was granted permission to make some changes in the Catechism and Manual of Doctrine, and publish 1000 copies of a new edition.

The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATECHISM AND MANUAL OF DOCTRINE.

Your committee on Ref. Pres. Catechism and Manual of Doctrine would report that these documents have been prepared and as authorized by last Synod, published and distributed to the ministers and elders of the Church for examination and criticism. This limited edition is now exhausted and your committee awaits your instructions with regard to the further publication of this literature.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. A. Edgar, Chairman.

Item 7. Committee reported. Report adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

Dear Brothers and Brethren—

We would respectfully report that during the past year all matters pertaining to this department of the Church's work have been referred to the Home Mission Secretary.

We would recommend that by your authority our work be transferred to the Home Mission Secretary permanently, and that your Bureau of Information be discontinued.

T. M. Slater.
Frank D. Frazer.
P. J. McDonald.

Item 8. Attended to.

Item 9. Committee reported. Report approved and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OVERTURE ON DIVORCE.

The Committee to prepare a form of Overture on the subject of Divorce present the following report:

The resolution of Synod under which this Committee was appointed is as follows: "Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a form of overture on the subject of divorce to be presented to Synod at its next meeting, and which if adopted by the Church shall be an addition to our Testimony."

While this resolution mentions no point in the existing law of the Church on which there is dissatisfaction it is clear that it was suggested by a question referred to the committee on Discipline relating to the meaning of the provision in the Testimony allowing divorce on the ground of "such wilful desertion as admits of no civil remedy."

The clause in the Confession of Faith on this same matter allows divorce for "such wilful desertion as can in no way be remedied by the Church or civil magistrate."

The presumption is that the resolution under which this committee was appointed contemplates a revision of our Church law on this one point.

On the question of divorce in general there has always been and

still is some diversity of opinion among Christians. The Roman Catholics and the High Church Episcopalians hold that no even adultery is sufficient ground for absolute divorce. But it has been held by the Roman Catholics in common with most Protestants that desertion of a Christian consort by an unbeliever was ground for absolute divorce with liberty to marry again. It was the almost unanimous belief of the Reformers including Luther, Calvin, the Puritans and most others, that wilful or malicious desertion was sufficient ground for absolute divorce, giving I. Corinthians 7:15 as the warrant for this belief. This passage reads thus: "Yet if the unbelieving departeth, let him depart; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases; but God hath called us unto peace."

The principal difficulty in the interpretation of this passage is in connection with the expression "under bondage." One view is that it means "not under obligation to insist upon the continuance of the marriage relation, or to force himself or herself upon the companionship of the other party." On the other hand it is contended that it covers the whole question of the marriage bond and furnishes a basis for its dissolution in the case of the desertion of a Christian companion by an unbeliever. Enlarging the scope of the passage somewhat it is held to allow divorce in case of malicious, wilful and irremediable desertion even when both parties may be Church members, because it is destructive of the very ends for which marriage has been instituted. It is held that this interpretation of the passage is not in conflict with the teachings of our Lord in Matthew 5:32; 19:9, where, in giving an interpretation of the Mosaic law of divorce, he seems to make adultery the only ground on which absolute divorce may be granted. Usually such desertion as is here under contemplation is at least constructively of the very nature or essence of adultery.

The resolution of Synod last year states that the proposed overture, if adopted, "shall be an addition to our Testimony." Any change in the Testimony on this point would place it in conflict with the Confession of Faith. While a number of articles in the Testimony treat of subjects not covered by the Confession of Faith, up to this time nothing has been incorporated into the Testimony that places it in conflict with the Confession on any point. Moreover, the great body of Protestants still regard desertion as just ground for divorce with full liberty to marry again. We therefore deem it unwise that at this time any change should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Wylie,
D. B. Willson,
John Yates,
James S. Tibby.

Speeches on all questions to the end of Synod, were limited to two minutes.

Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Attended to.

Item 15. Laid on the table until next Synod.

Item 16. Attended to.

Item 17. Committee reported. Report received and adopted. The Committee was continued, with the name of S. G. Shaw substituted for that of Thomas Patton.

Report is as follows:

DR. J. R. WILLSON MONUMENT REPORT.

Report of Committee to erect a monument to the memory of Dr James Renwick Willson in the Coldenham Cemetery.

Your committee would report the matter attended to. A granite monument has been erected at a total cost of \$279.70. This expense has been fully met by voluntary contributions without needing to receive from the Literary Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas Patton,
 J. W. F. Carlisle,
 J. R. Thompson,
 Committee.

Items 18, 19. Attended to.

Item 20. Already acted on.

Item 21. Report received and the balance on hand to be transferred to the Literary Fund. Report is as follows:

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1911 MINUTES OF SYNOD.

967 copies sold at 35 cents.....	\$317 45
30 free copies	
10 lost in the mail and defective.....	

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Cost of printing	\$229 50	
Postage and expressage	33 33	262 83
Balance		\$ 54 62

James S. Tibby, Treasurer.

Item 22. Already acted on.

Items 23, 24, 25. Attended to.

Item 26. Already acted on.

Item 27. Attended to.

Item 28. The delegate to the Inter-Church Temperance Federation reported.

Report accepted and the delegate continued. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO INTER-CHURCH TEMPERANCE FEDERATION.

Your delegate appointed to act with the Inter-Church Temperance Federation would respectfully report: The Executive Committee of the Federation convened in Pittsburg December 12, 1911. I attended as representing our church. The committee sat during two day sessions. Dr. J. T. McCrory, of Pittsburg presided. Quite a number of different denominations were represented, delegates being present from different parts of the country. Careful consideration was given to a number of matters pertaining to the cause of temperance. A resolution was passed asking that Wednesday evening, January 10, be observed as a season of prayer throughout the United States in be-

half of Temperance reform. It was agreed to ask that the World's Temperance Sabbath be changed from the second Sabbath in November to the last Sabbath in October; but to avoid confusion and to secure if possible concerted action, the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., was requested to present this resolution to the International Conference of Sabbath School workers in Toronto in January. The matter of temperance libraries to be recommended to churches, Sabbath Schools, and public libraries, was considered. Certain books were discussed; and a committee of three was appointed to give effect to this resolution. A form of temperance pledge was adopted. It was arranged to appoint a delegate to the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference at Portland. Action was taken with reference to the prohibition campaign in West Virginia. It was resolved to inaugurate a campaign for national prohibition. One of the interesting and important features of these conferences is the reports which Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, of the Temperance Bureau at Washington, makes as to legislative conditions affecting temperance at the Capital of the nation.

This last meeting, that of the Executive of the Federation just described, was characterized by one of the temperance leaders present as undoubtedly one of the most fruitful and satisfactory which have yet been held by this Federation. As this meeting was held in Pittsburgh, your delegate incurred no expense in attending it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Acheson.

Item 29. This item was stricken out and the following inserted: That the recommendation of the report on Music to the Synod of 1910 be repeated, and that all our congregations be urged to secure some competent instructor to train them in congregational singing.

Item 30. Attended to.

Item 31. Attended to in part.

Item 32. Already acted on.

Item 33. W. M. Robb declined the appointment.

Items 34, 35. Attended to.

Item 36. Attended to and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that the following items should receive the consideration of Synod.

Item 1. Report of Committee on Bible-Reading Folders. Page 12, Item 18.—T. H. Acheson.

Item 2. Report of Committee to prepare new edition of the Book of Psalms. Page 15.—W. J. Coleman.

Item 3. Item 3 of Report of Committee on Unfinished Business 1911. Pages 33 and 74. Referred to Committee on Discipline of this Synod.

Item 4. Report of ad interim Committee of Supplies. Page 35, Item 3.—H. G. Foster. Adopted.

Item 5. Report of Committee on Printing new edition of the Book of Psalms. Page 37, Item 25.—S. A. S. Metheny. Adopted.

Item 6.—Report of Committee on Catechism and Manual of Doctrine. Page 27, Item 27.—G. A. Edgar. On table.

Item 7. Report of Superintendent of Bureau of Information.—T. M. Slater.

Item 8. Report of Trustees of Geneva College, and Faculty of College, and Faculty of Seminary on Item 3 of report of Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College. Page 40 and page 77, Item 3. Attended to.

Item 9. Report of Committee to prepare form of overture on Divorce. Pages 43, 61.—R. C. Wylie. Submitted.

Item 10. Foreign Mission Board to suggest text book for mission study. Page 52, Item 4.—R. M. Sommerville. Attended to.

Item 11. Report of Foreign Mission Board on Item 6 of report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Page 52, Item 6, and page 138.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 12. Foreign Mission Board to arrange for Conference during this meeting of Synod, Page 52, Item 8.—R. M. Sommerville.

Item 13. Officers of Synod to address communication to "The Institute of Medical Research" and "The Foundation of Scientific Research." Page 68.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 14. Officers of Synod to address communication to the International Lesson Committee. Page 72.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 15. Report of Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary and Professors of Theological Seminary on Item 28 of report of Unfinished Business of 1911. Page 74, and page 75, Item 28.

Item 16. Officers of Synod to address communication to the President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy. Page 76.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 17. Report of Committee on Dr. J. R. Wilson Monument. Page 84.—Thomas Patton.

Item 18. Treasurer of Synod to print 500 copies of the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony. Page 85, Item 1.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 19. Non-interest bearing Mortgages held heretofore by the Board of Church Erection to be transferred to Synod's Board of Trustees. Page 85, Item 3.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 20. Report of Clerk of Synod on Printing Minutes of Synod of 1911. Page 86, Item 13.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 21.—Report of Treasurer on Sale of Minutes of 1911. Page 86, Item 13.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 22. Report of Home Mission Secretary. Page 118, Item 2.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 23. Report of Central Board on Salary of Home Mission Secretary. Page 118.—R. J. G. McKnight.

Item 24. Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence on Tithe Giving. Page 120, Item 1.—J. Milligan Wylie.

Item 25. Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence on Tithe Literature. Page 120, Item 2.—J. Milligan Wylie.

Item 26. Report of Secretary of Young People's Societies. Page 124, Item 1.—John Yates.

Item 27. Report of Treasurer on Printing Topic Cards for 1912. Page 124, Item 2.—J. S. Tibby.

Item 28. Report of Delegate to Inter-Church Temperance Federation. Page 125.—T. H. Acheson.

Item 29. Item 2 of Report of Committee on Psalmody 1911, laid on table until this meeting of Synod. Pages 125, 126, Item 2.

Item 30. Officers of Synod to send communication to "Continua-

tion Committee," Edinburg, Scotland. Page 127.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 31. Report of Permanent Committee on Temperance on "Temperance Day Programs." Page 131.—W. W. Carithers.

Item 32. Report of Special Committee on the Communion Cup, together with a substitute offered by R. J. Dodds, laid on table until this meeting of Synod. Page 137.

Item 33. Report of Committee on Witness Bearing on the choice of W. M. Robb as lecturer on Witness Bearing. Page 140, Item 2—W. J. Coleman.

Item 34. Officers of Synod to sign and forward fraternal letter to the Synod of Ireland. Page 147.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 35. Copy of the Minute on death of Dr. R. J. George to be sent to his family. Page 148.—J. S. Thompson.

Item 36. Report of R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster, representatives to attend the Conference on "Faith and Order." Page 149.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Paper from the Pacific Coast Presbytery was read and referred to the Judicial Commission for answer.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken from the table. The report was amended and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3. During the discussion of this item the hour for adjournment arrived. The time was extended until 5 o'clock.

Item 3. Amended and adopted.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance reported; the report was amended and adopted and is as follows:

In view of the many claims that the map is growing white we are faced by the fact that the sales of liquor for the past year have been the largest in the history of this nation, and no difference how sure we may be of the ultimate destruction of the liquor traffic yet we may be well assured that our time and best efforts are due the spreading of the truth, for this is a time of seed sowing and not the time of gathering the fruitage or the song of victory.

We have been working all year in the effort to get people to think, and get truths that may be unpopular and it may be unpalatable before them in such a way that they will be fixed in their minds.

We have followed the plan of distributing posters and seals and have spent a large part of our efforts in getting them into the public schools. Wide publicity has been given to the entire series of posters by giving them a display page on the front cover of the Christian Nation. We believe there should be a direct appeal to the powers that make or execute the laws concerning the liquor traffic and desire the Synod to decide as to the wisdom of sending out the following letter to all officials in the U. S. so far as we may be able to reach them.

To The Hon. _____

Dear Sir—Your position gives you a great responsibility in the enactment (or enforcement) of law, and we wish to call your attention to the opportunity this gives you to deal righteously with the liquor traffic.

You are aware of the decisions of scientific men in regard to the effects of alcohol on the human mind and body, and the Bible testifies as to its destructive effects on the soul. "The drunkard shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Gal. 5:21, I Cor.6:10.

It is wise to bear in mind the impropriety of taking a revenue from that which debauches the citizen.

God's law charges you to be just, ruling in the fear of the Lord, and we urge you to use your official position for the removing of temptation from the weak, the protection of the helpless, and the honoring of God, in serving the highest interests of mankind.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church directed that this letter be forwarded to you, signed on their behalf by the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

This will require considerable expense in postage and to make it effective we should have the entire appropriation for Temperance work put into our hands.

In view of the aggressiveness of the liquor traffic and the claims it makes on those that sit in high places it is high time that we put this reminder before them.

The impudence of the liquor traffic in claiming attention from those in authority is insufferable and is only equalled by the trucelessness of the officials.

We believe it is inconsistent with a Christian life to countenance in any way the saloon business.

We believe the whole business of making drunkards is entirely evil.

We look on the work of getting people to think clearly in regard to the liquor traffic as most important.

We look on the taking of revenue from the liquor traffic as wicked and demoralizing.

We consider any compromise with this evil as ensnaring and dangerous. The only cure for this evil is to destroy it and use every God given power to keep it out of existence.

The term of office of Jas. S. McGaw and A. M. Mitchell, and their successors should be appointed.

We believe it wise to adopt this method of sending the above letter to all officials in our land.

In regard to the use of tobacco:—

The Committee would recommend that the Synod reaffirm the spirit of former actions in regard to our position as a church on this matter, and that we may have this more fully before us we will reiterate the substance of them.

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined from taking under their care as students of theology or from licensing any student, that is a user of tobacco.

2. That the Committee on Supplies do not send out; nor does any congregation be required to receive, any supply that uses tobacco.

3. That all church courts be enjoined from ordaining or installing any one who is a user of tobacco.

4. That sessions be urged to inquire of those entering the church, if they are users of the weed, and to urge them to keep their lives pure from this sin.

5. That we will labor and pray for those under this slavery and seek to aid in their deliverance.

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. S. MCGAW,
M. M. PEARCE,
A. M. MITCHELL,
T. G. GRAHAM.

The report of the Stated Clerk was read and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics from May 1, 1911, to May 1, 1912.

There are reported this year eleven Presbyteries, an addition of one, 117 congregations, 4 Mission Stations, 142 Ministers, 7 Licentiates, one of whom is a Greek, 9 students of Theology, 3 of whom have been licensed, 466 Elders, 373 Deacons, 9213 Communicants, an increase of 632 and a decrease of 613, 224 Baptisms, 8388 in attendance at Sabbath School and 1860 in attendance at the Young People's Societies.

Total contributions \$234,546.00 or \$26.81 per member. The treasurer Dr. S. A. S. Metheny of Foreign Missions reports Receipts of \$31,488.74 or \$3.59 per member.

Congregations.—Ninety have Pastors, 27 are without Pastors. Portland, Oregon, was organized Dec. 2, 1911, Londonderry, O., was disorganized May 31, 1912, Holmwood, Kans., Oct. 23, 1911, Muskigum and Tomica, O., on May 31, 1912.

Ministers.—There are 142 Ministers. There was 7 installations, 3 ordinations and installations, 8 dissolutions of the pastoral relation, 5 pastors have double charges, F. Frazer was ordained and installed pastor of Portland, Oregon, congregation, Jan. 16, 1912, Paul Coleman, of Blanchard, Iowa, congregation, Feb. 15, 1912, W. T. K. Thompson was installed pastor of Mercer, Pa., Cong. Sept. 29, 1911, M. S. McMillan was ordained and installed pastor of Princeton, Ind., Cong. Oct. 17, 1911, James McCune was installed at McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 20, 1911, W. J. McBurney at Evans, Col., May 8, 1912, F. M. Wilson at 3rd Phil., Pa., March 27, 1912, D. O. Jack at Ray, Ind., Nov. 3, 1911, W. M. Robb at Southfield, Mich., Dec. 5, 1911, R. C. Montgomery at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16, 1912.

The pastoral relation between E. G. Elsey and Hetherton, Mich., Cong. was dissolved Sept. 13, 1911, S. Turner Foster and Hopkinton, Iowa, Cong. May 15, 1912, Thos. Patton and Coldenham, N. Y., Cong. on May, 30, 1912, S. M. Morrow and Syracuse, N. Y., Cong. April 2, 1912, F. M. Wilson and Winchester, Kas., Cong. Feb. 6, 1912, James McCune and Barnesville, N. B., Cong. Nov. 28, 1911, W. G. McBurney and Fairgrove, Mich., Cong. April 30, 1912, C. M. Smith withdrew from the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Dec., 1911, and John F. Crozier, June 6, 1911. The pastoral relation between J. G. Reed and Utica, O., Cong. was dissolved May 31, 1912. S. Turner Foster, withdrew from the church, May 15, 1912.

The name of G. W. Benn was dropped from the roll of Illinois Presbytery May 31, 1911. The name of W. C. Paden was dropped from Kansas Presbytery, June 2, 1912. A. M. Thompson of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland, was added to the roll of the Kansas Presbytery June 2, 1912. R. J. Gault, pastor of New Alexan-

dria, Pa., Cong. died at Walton, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1911, J. L. McCartney superannuated, died Sept. 22, 1911, at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Of the Ministers without charges, 3 are Stated Supplies, 10 Foreign Missionaries, 3 in Reform work, 1 in Sabbath School work, 2 in Witness Bearing work, 1 in Jewish Mission work, 1 in Editorial work, 7 in secular callings, 5 at Geneva College, 2 at Theological Seminary, 10 unable to engage actively in the ministry.

Communicants.—The total number is 9213. Kansas Presbytery reports a net increase of 52, Rochester Presbytery a net increase of one, Phil. Presbytery a net increase of one, Pacific Coast Presbytery a net increase of 74, Mission in China, a net increase of 18, Syrian Mission of 6, Iowa Presbytery reports a net decrease of 16, New York of 25, Pittsburgh, of 23, Colorado of 36, N. B. and N. S. of 2, Illinois of 11, Ohio of 20. There is a net gain of 19 in the entire church and a net loss of 5 in America. The home church numbers 8748, the foreign church 465.

Contributions.—Increased contributions are reported for the Mission in China, of \$327.00, Church Erection \$12,158.00, Salaries of Ministers \$18.00. A decrease of contributions to Syrian Mission of \$13,079.00, Domestic Mission \$1309. Southern Mission of \$1277. Indian Mission \$1621. Jewish Mission \$1177. Theological Seminary \$1396. National Reform \$1763. Witness Bearing, \$1531. Aged Ministers and Widows and Orphans, \$1345.00. The number of manses is 29.

Certified copies of the Minutes of 1910 were received from the Clerk of Synod and placed in Synod's Trunk.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed.) JAMES S. TIBBY, Stated Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted by the Synod:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at its meeting at Morning Sun, Iowa, hereby expresses its great appreciation and gratitude towards the pastors and people of the Morning Sun and Sharon congregations, and to the many families of other churches in and about Morning Sun, who so kindly opened up their homes and so hospitably entertained the delegates of Synod, and to the pastor and trustees of the Presbyterian church who gave the use of their church for committee meetings, and to the reporters of Synod for reporting the proceedings of the court.

The Committee on State of Religion reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee made no effort to communicate with the congregations, such efforts having been largely unsuccessful. We confine this report to suggestions for the improvement of religion in the Church the state of religion in the Church being largely conditioned by the spiritual state of her members, men, women and children should be encouraged to a life of prayer and devotional study of the Word of God. The spirit must be fed by the Word of Christ, and live in the wholesome atmosphere of prayerful communion with Christ. We renew our endorsement of the Bible Reading Folders as an excellent aid to private devotions.

The growing conviction that family religion is less faithfully

maintained in our church than formerly seems justified. A most important factor in maintaining the Christian unity of the home, regular family worship serves as a constant reminder to parents and children of their relation to God. In all their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their plans and projects the family is thus bound to God. The home life is greatly enriched by showing forth his loving kindness in the morning and his faithfulness every night.

Of prime importance is the home instruction of children. It is always a serious loss when church instruction supplants parental. So rarely do parents now regularly gather the children together for religious instruction that we fear it almost amounts to the exception. We are persuaded that home instruction gives virility and stability of character which else will be lacking. God's statute still stands: "These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house," etc.

Once more, we must recognize that we are Christians only so far as we are surrendered to the will of Christ. Mere intellectual assent to any number of truths constitutes no one a Christian. Only he who receives Christ as Saviour and Lord is worthy of that name. Paul calls God's people "saints." Not moral purity but dedication is the primary signification of that term. Under the Old Covenant a "holy" object was one set apart to God. The vessels of God were "holy," and they who bore them were exhorted to be "holy." In precisely the same sense our people should be the "saints" of the Lord. No outward devotion to principles, distinctive or otherwise, can possibly take the place of personal devotion to our personal King. We are "called to be saints." Thus "we are not merely bound to this consecration if we are Christians, but we are not Christians unless we thus consecrate ourselves. Pleasing self and making my own will my law, and living for my own ends is destructive of all Christianity." Hence "we are Christians so far as we give ourselves up to God, in the surrender of our wills and the practical obedience of our lives—so far and not one inch further."

Again a healthy spiritual state is impossible without religious activity. Activity is born of interest, and interest has knowledge for her mother. Evangelistic and missionary work should engage our people. They should know missions and reform work and kingdom activities generally. Mission study classes and missionary and reform literature are indispensable. The Minutes of Synod—a veritable mine of information—should be made a real manual of reference throughout the year. In many homes they have no place, in others they are seldom referred to. This is deplorable.

Again we can say our spiritual state is largely to be gauged by loving and intelligent contributions. We gladly note evidences of increased liberality in many parts of the Church. Mostly these are co-existent with means of larger information and more business-like methods of church financiering. The plan presented to our congregations by Mr. R. A. Blair, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, has the hearty endorsement of competent and successful business men of that Board. And it **works**. Mr. Blair's tactful presentation has led to its adoption in many congregations; and wherever it has been given an honest trial it has succeeded in a gratifying degree.

Without mentioning attendance upon prayer meeting and public worship, which, owing to their prime importance always challenge attention, we speak of but one more consideration. If the **Covenanter Church** is to have any marked improvement in her state of religion, she should have peace.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—Eph. 5:30-32.

Respectfully submitted,
 FINDLEY M. WILSON, Chairman.
 J. M. COLEMAN,
 J. A. McKEE,
 J. H. BRAUM.

The following action was taken relative to the 1911 metrical version of the Psalms:

Resolved, That the use of the 1911 metrical version of the Psalms in families and congregations be and hereby is authorized by Synod.

Paper No. 3 was taken up. It was resolved, That the Treasurer of the Literary Fund, together with the Committee be authorized to print an edition of the psalter without music.

F. M. Wilson was excused.

Synod took recess until 7 o'clock. Prayer by D. C. Martin.

————— EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday, June 5, 7 o'clock p. m.

Synod came together at the close of the recess, and was led in prayer by D. C. Mathews. Calling of the roll was omitted. Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee appointed to answer reasons of dissent of F. M. Foster and others reported. Report was adopted. It is as follows:

ANSWERS TO REASONS OF DISSENT FROM THE ACTION OF SYNOD CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUP.

1. There is not sufficient available evidence to determine the number of cups used in serving the wine when the Lord's supper was instituted.

2. The vessel or vessels used in this service possess no sacramental or symbolical significance; the use of individual cups cannot, therefore, affect in any manner or degree the unity of the Church, or the symbolism of this ordinance.

3. The real sacramental cup is the consecrated wine, not the vessel or vessels which contain it. The following Scripture texts make this clear: "As often as ye drink this cup;" 1 Cor. 11:26. "The cup of blessing which we bless." 1 Cor. 10:16.

This cup is one everywhere and always, even as "there is one bread and one body." 1 Cor. 10:17.

4. The assumption that the advocates of individual cups rely solely or chiefly on the sanitary argument, and that they regard this as sufficient to annul the law of Christ relating to the number of cups that may be used in the Lord's supper is without foundation. No such law was given either by the example or the words of our Lord. Whether one cup or more may be used is a matter belonging in the sphere of Christian liberty. The sanitary question may properly be raised in determining each case. This matter belongs to the "other things" which according to the Directory for Worship are "to be settled agreeable to the rules of Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the word of God."

5. In view of the above facts the use of individual cups cannot vitiate the sacrament in any manner or degree. It is properly administered when consecrated bread and wine are distributed to professing Christians by a minister of the Gospel whatever the number of vessels used in serving these elements.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE,
J. C. FRENCH,
J. D. EDGAR.
Committee.

The following resolution was offered by John Yates, and adopted by the Synod:

Resolved, That D. H. Elliott be commended for his preparation and publication of the "Hand-Book for Young Christians," and that he be requested to have 1000 copies printed, to be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for distribution at ten cents per copy, the expense of printing to be paid out of the Literary Fund.

The Committee on Psalmody reported: The report was received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

PSALMODY—REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Praise, not in a general but a specific sense, is that which now demands our attention.

James 3:13 shows it to be a proper exercise for an individual when alone. Ps. 149:1 speaks of it as the duty and privilege of assemblies of believers; family, social, ecclesiastical and civil, regardless of the number. It is acceptable when rendered by children, Mt. 21:16. Its omission at family worship wrongs the children directly, the Church indirectly. Interest awakened in it in childhood is likely to continue through life.

Every devout soul wishes to engage in this exercise acceptably. It becomes us then to consider in what manner, and with what matter, to approach God in praise.

I. As to Manner.

1. In reference to the soul's attitude: lovingly, joyfully, reverently; evincing that faith, without which it is impossible to please God. Unbelievers may sing, they cannot praise.

2. A few matters external but germane:

(1.) The Attempt to Praise by Proxy. Always irreverent it is especially reprehensible when irreligious singers are employed. A choir may **lead**, not **represent**, a congregation.

(2.) The Tunes. These should be simple, attractive, appropriate and, for the most part, familiar. A psalm cannot, like a hymn, be wed to a particular tune, the tune wears out, the divine song never.

(3.) Musical Training and Voice Culture. These are obligatory upon each as he has opportunity. Carelessness in our manner of rendering praise prejudices men against religion, the church and our testimony.

(4.) The Unmelodious Voice. Some are for its suppression. We fear this would grieve the Holy Spirit. The desire savors of a refinement that would rob praise of its essence. The note of love is far more pleasing to God than the melody and harmony of voices.

(5.) Instrumental Music. It is not essential to praise; cannot show a Scripture warrant; is strongly sensuous, fraught with danger to the spiritual; is forbidden in the second commandment. In this dispensation the Father seeks a purely spiritual worship. Jn. 4:24.

Many are misled by a failure to distinguish between **praise** and **entertainment**. Yet even the most obtuse smile at the suggestion "to fiddle and sing to the glory of God," as incongruous as to call on men to weep and dance for their sins.

Error also springs from a utilitarian conception of praise, which appears in two forms: Some would popularize it to attract crowds. Others regard it mainly as a means for the conversion of sinners. While praise may have many excellent by-products, its true nature and object is **to give to Jehovah the glory due unto his name**.

II. The Matter of Praise. Of abounding manuals the Psalter, the oldest, is the only one inspired. It is entitled to veneration; but, alas, for the treatment it receives! One class of Psalms, those called the imprecatory, is the special point of attack. Bearing, however, as they do, the seal of Christ's approval and the weight of divine authorship, the point is not vulnerable. The hammers break, God's anvil stands. In a day of clearer gospel light those who regard them as an anomaly in Christian worship will themselves appear to have been an anomaly in the Christian church.

We should notice the splendid adaptation of the psalms to the needs of God's people. In their use He fills the longing soul even while it is in every act of pouring itself out in praise to Him. In them is instruction, encouragement, balm. Other songs may satisfy the lightly burdened soul, these are full of grace abounding to the very chief of sinners. No more than Paul can we afford to substitute other songs for these "spiritual," **Spirit-inspired** psalms and hymns and songs.

The Psalter is distinguished from all its rivals as a mirror to the soul; a tonic for weak faith, and an impartor of courage, patience and every Christian grace. What countless numbers have entered glory with its words on their lips!

Austin Phelps says those hymns are best which most closely resemble the psalms of inspiration. We infer the divine pattern is incomparatively better than the best imitations, on the principle that no painting equals in beauty the natural landscape or living face which it represents. If this be true it follows that in these alone can men hope to offer the most acceptable praise. Ought they not

then to be used exclusively? Certainly. The use of others is will-worship, a form of idolatry.

Those who discard the Psalter as the church's manual of praise, propose to introduce other manuals that better meet the requirements of New Testament conditions. They are however, for the retention of the Psalter for its ethic and didactic, but especially its devotional value, in common with other Scripture. We think this position untenable for

1. The presence of some of these songs in other parts of Scripture as well as in the Psalter, suggests different use of them in the Psalter.

2. The Jews, including our Lord and his disciples, regarded the Psalter as the Church's manual of praise.

3. New Testament writers have neither declared this manual obsolete, nor prepared another. But they urge its use.

4. It has assimilated itself to gospel conditions.

5. The Church of the early centuries had no other.

6. Those who diverged first from its exclusive use were in other respects heretics.

7. There has never been any appearance of any extraordinary, not to say supernatural, gift among hymn writers.

8. It does not seem reverent to place sentimental religious songs in competition with those of the Spirit.

9. Those railing at the songs already given have scarcely a reasonable hope either of the gift of inspiration or of a new heaven-approved manual.

10. Turning away from the fountain of the inspired Psalter to the broken cisterns of human compositions marks and hastens, spiritual decay in the Church.

11. Fosters divisions among God's people and introduces error and divisions into mission fields.

12. It is a step to the abandonment of the Bible as the word of God.

But men defend their course by claiming they can not find Christ in the psalms. This statement seems scarcely credible in view of the fact that the Jews found them full of the promised Messiah, and Christ and His disciples found them full of Him, and Bishop Horne finds Him in almost every verse, and even Hengstenberg finds continual reference in them to some perfect ideal one.

The late Rev. Dr. Dunlap Moore, attempting once to persuade a Geneva College student that it is impossible to praise Christ in any one of his three offices in the use of the psalms, was forced to admit a reference to Him "in a certain sense," especially in the Messianic psalms. We may, however, challenge the production of songs that more fully and clearly exalt the Redeemer in his three-fold office. But is not the real question this, whether it is possible to rightly praise any one of the three divine persons in the use of any other songs?

Some of us, it seems, are sensitive to the defects in our metrical versions. It should relieve this feeling somewhat to consider the character of the songs hymnsingers trill without a blush. Surely a divine song, even in a somewhat defective version, must have some qualities wherein it excels a merely human composition. Verily it would not produce such emotions in the soul of an intelligent man as led Woodrow Wilson to protest vigorously against the use of the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Nor is he the only prominent hymnsinger who has recently spoken out strongly and feelingly against the character of popular hymns. A reaction in favor of the psalms

is not impossible. Husks do not satisfy hunger. By and by the children are likely to crave bread.

So far as the **matter** of songs, at least, is concerned those using the psalms are in the presence of their brethren as royal princes of the house of David in the presence of beggars.

Why should you feel sensitive in the presence of men who sing "Hold the Fort," and "Pull for the Shore?" As reasonably might one who had expressed an admiration for the grand, rugged, every-varying scenery of the Alps or the Rockies stand abashed in the presence of the aesthetic critic with perfumed unguent locks whose cultured taste leads him to prefer the beauty and symmetry of a molehill, and particularly commends his choice because the beauty can be taken in at a single glance.

Concluding, we would urge Covenanters

1. To hold the principle of the church consistently and tenaciously.

2. To cultivate a closer acquaintance with the psalms.

3. To recognize a debt of gratitude to all those who have labored diligently and well, seeking to give the church tunes and a metrical version as worthy as possible of those songs "which once did sweet in Zion glide."

4. To come to a speedy agreement on some one metrical version.

5. To be diligent in having the children memorize psalms.

6. To pray for the happy time to be hastened when believers shall see eye to eye and unite with heart and voice in praising God in the divine songs of the **Gospel Psalter**.

Adopted as a whole,

(Signed) R. J. DODDS
T. C. SPROULL
S. M. MORROW
J. H. SLOANE
J. B. ARMSTRONG.

The Judicial Commission reported on the questions of P. J. McDonald and others. Their former report was recalled and the matter recommitted to them for action.

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was received, amended and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the time of nineteen men has been placed in our hands. The presbyteries ask for eleven and five-sixth the time of one laborer for one year. We have distributed the work as follows:

Allen, R. C., Pittsburg; all year.

Allen, T. J., Ohio, June, July; Illinois, August, Sept.; Iowa, Oct.; Pacific Coast, Nov., Feb.

Allen, W. C., Illinois, June, July; Iowa, Aug., Sept.; Ohio, Oct., Nov.; Kansas, Dec., Jan., Feb.; Pacific Coast, March, April, May.

Coleman, Geo., Kansas, July, August, Sept.; Iowa, Oct., Nov., Dec.; Illinois, Jan., Feb.; Ohio, March, April; Pittsburg, May.

Dill, J. W., N. B. & N. S., June, July, Aug., Sept.; Kansas, Oct., Nov., Dec.; Iowa, Jan., Feb.; Ohio, March, April.

Dodds, R. J., Pitts. June-Dec.; Ohio, Jan., Feb.; Phila., March April; Ohio, May.

Faris, Isaiah, Kansas, all year.

Edgar, J. D., Ohio, June, July; Pittsburg, Aug.; New York, Sept., Oct.; Ohio, Nov., Dec.; Iowa, Jan., Feb.; Illinois, March; Kansas, April, May.

McFarland, Wm., Rochester, Oct., Nov.; Ohio, Sept., Dec., Jan.; Iowa, Feb., March; Illinois, April.

McFarland, A. J., Sr., Pittsburg, June-Dec.; Ohio, Jan., Feb.; Iowa, March; Kansas, April.

McBurney, G. R., Kansas, all year.

Morrow, S. M., Colorado, June, July; Kansas, Aug., Sept.; Illinois, Oct., Nov.; Ohio, Dec.; New York, Jan., Feb., March; Pittsburg, April, May.

Patton, Thos., Iowa, June; Pacific Coast, July-Sept.; Colorado, Oct., Nov.; Kansas, Dec., Jan., Feb.; Iowa, March; Illinois, April, May.

Reed, J. G., Pacific Coast, June, July; Kansas, Aug.-Oct.; Pacific Coast, Nov., Dec., Jan.; Pittsburg, Feb.-April; New York, May.

Reade, F. F., Kansas, June; Colorado, July; Pacific Coast, Aug.-Oct.; New York, Nov., Dec.; Rochester, Jan.; Pittsburg, Feb.; Ohio, March; Illinois, April, May.

Rutherford, John, New York, June-August.

Thompson, A. M., Ohio, June-Sept.; Pacific Coast, Oct.-Feb.; Kansas, March, April; Iowa, May.

Tweed, Boyd, Illinois, June, July; Ohio, August.

Sharp, B. M., Pittsburg, June, July; Ohio, Aug.-Oct.; New York, Nov., Dec.; Illinois, Jan., Feb.

Sproull, T. C., Ohio, Sept., Oct., Nov., May; Phila., June, July, Aug.; Illinois, Dec.; Pittsburg, Jan., Feb.; New York, March-May.

Wylie, J. Ralston, Iowa, Nov., Feb.; Kansas, rest of year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. C. REED,

GEO. N. GREER,

H. G. McCONAUGHY,

JOHN E. FOSTER,

J. A. FEE.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was taken from the table.

Item 2. Adopted.

The consideration of item No. 3 of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, was withdrawn from the Committee on Discipline and action deferred until next meeting of Synod. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Discipline would respectfully report, that paper No. 15 referred to us, is a memorial from Kansas Presbytery, asking "if a congregation of our denomination, in consistency with our principles, can loan the use of its church building to a denomination using hymns or instruments, for worship, or to hold evangelistic meetings? If so on what terms?"

We would answer that the responsibility attaching to the ownership of the church building does not extend to the manner in which a congregation of a sister denomination may worship, when occupying it.

The papers numbered 1, 2 & 23 all bearing on the appeal of R. G. M'Lean from a decision of Illinois Presbytery, were placed in our hands. We find the appeal is regularly transferred, but it is incomplete in that it is not accompanied by the record of the lower courts in this case. See Book of Discipline, Sec. III, 4th item, under Appeals. We recommend that the papers be returned to the parties.

W. W. CARITHERS,
J. M. COLEMAN,
T. M. SLATER,
J. E. WILSON,
THOS. M'CLEMENT.

The Committee on Nominations made a full report. Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee to report on the death of R. J. Gault—R. J. Dodds, T. H. Acheson, W. G. Robb.

Committee to report on the death of J. L. McCartney—H. H. George, R. C. Wylie, R. H. Martin.

Committee of elders added to last year's committee to classify congregations—William T. Park, S. C. Patterson, George Calderwood, John E. Foster, James Carson, John E. Wilson, O. L. Samson, John Muirhead.

Commission in reference to the Santa Ana case—J. M. Coleman, M. M. Pearce, G. McLaury, Chas. McElhinney, John Cathcart, John Calderwood, S. G. Shaw, J. C. Slater, J. B. Gilmore.

Committee on Individual Cups—J. C. McFeeters, D. C. Faris, S. E. Greer, S. F. Dill, W. W. Dickey.

Committee to report on memorial of Lisbon congregation relative to voting on amendments—W. J. McKnight, J. M. Foster, W. A. Aikin, Alfred E. Graham, T. J. Joseph.

Committee on Covenanting—D. B. Willson, D. S. Faris, D. H. Coulter, J. E. Dodds, Hugh Hawthorne.

To fill vacancies or expiration of term on Witness Bearing Committee—S. J. Johnston, J. S. Tibby, J. H. McBurney.

To fill expired terms on Temperance Committee—J. G. McElhinney, A. M. Mitchell.

Committee to examine the different series of graded lessons, and as to the feasibility of our own church issuing a graded system—J. M. Coleman, J. B. Gilmore, J. D. Edgar, A. C. Coulter, J. S. Tibby.

Committee on Evangelistic Work—M. M. Pearce, T. S. Trumbull, Term expires 1913; W. J. Coleman, R. A. M. Steele, Term expires 1914; T. H. Acheson, Robert Park, Term expires 1915.

Delegates to Portland Conference—J. S. Thompson, W. J. McKnight, C. D. Trumbull, E. L. McKnight, James Carson, R. J. Cathcart, John O'Neill, T. M. Slater, T. H. Acheson, G. N. Greer, Theodore McNaughton, J. W. Dodds, P. J. McDonald, J. C. French, E. A. Crooks, W. J. McBurney, Frank Frazer, T. G. Graham, W. J. Cubit, Thomas McClement.

W. M. ROBB,
J. C. SLATER,
F. E. ALLEN,
GEO. A. MCKEE,
JAMES CARSON.

Committee.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported. Report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING.

Your Committee on Place of Meeting would report:

Two papers and an item of business have been referred to your Committee.

1st. Paper No. 8, an invitation from the San Francisco Convention League.

2nd. An invitation from our Chicago congregation.

3rd. An item of business fixing the date of our meeting.

We recommend,

1. That the Clerk be instructed to inform the San Francisco Convention League that we decline, with thanks, its invitation.

2. That when Synod adjourns it be to meet in Winona, Indiana, Tuesday, May 27th, 1913, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

S. J. JOHNSTON,

F. D. FRAZER,

O. F. THOMPSON,

W. A. CARSON,

J. A. FORSYTHE.

J. S. Martin, T. C. McKnight and S. J. Johnston were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the meeting of Synod at Winona, next year.

A vote of thanks was extended to the congregation of Chicago for their invitation to meet in their church next year.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. Report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A careful survey of the world furnishes food for earnest reflection. There is much to stimulate faith and inspire gratitude; there is also much to awaken serious thought and impel to fervent prayer. The brighter view furnishes:

Reasons for Thanksgiving.

1. Great forward religion movements among Christian people, and especially among those who heretofore were not supposed to take an active part in religious matters, is cause for gratitude. However objectionable some of them may be, as to their methods, the fact of such movements is an evidence of the work of God's Spirit in quickening dormant consciences and impressing upon those who have the light a consciousness of their responsibility, as trustees of God's gift to the world.

2. The Bible holds its undisputed supremacy as The Book for men. This is seen in the growing demands that are made on Bible Societies for the Word of God, which has had and continues to have a circulation far in excess of the most popular human productions. The increasing interest in and enlarged facilities for Bible study, gives added weight to the conviction, that in the multitude of books now published, the Bible is not losing its hold upon the hearts of men.

3. The evidence of God's activity in the world in preparation for the coming of his kingdom, is a mighty stimulus to prayer and effort. In the social revolutions, in Turkey and China especially, we discern the hand of the enthroned Mediator preparing the way for his messengers of Peace, suddenly, hoary institutions have been overturned and ancient superstitions abolished. It is special cause for gratitude, on the part of our church, that in the two countries where our Foreign Missions are planted, we now behold such evident tokens of the presence and power of Christ, opening closed doors and leveling barriers which have withstood our advance.

4. God has granted us a good measure of success in the prosecution of our various lines of effort; educational, reformatory, evangelistic and missionary. With enthusiasm and harmony we have labored together for the honor of Christ and the advancement of his kingdom among men; and Christ has rewarded us by opening the hearts of men to give a more earnest and sympathetic hearing, to the truths which we proclaim during recent years than formerly.

For these and numerous other reasons we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

Synod therefore appoints the last Thursday of November, 1912, to be observed as a day of thanksgiving to God by all our people.

There is another side to the picture, a darker side, which we dare not overlook. There is enough to prostrate us before God, in self abasement, confession, supplication, and fervent intercession. Taking account of some of the darker features, we have

Causes for Fasting.

1. Along with the religious activity, so apparent about us, there is a manifest lack of deep spirituality. Activity seems to have taken the place of obedience; work has been substituted for worship. Professing Christians, and even leaders among them, appear to assume that the end justifies the means; and this need not surprise us, because those who follow the example of Rome are liable also to imbibe some of her principles. When Christians deliberately and systematically break the law of God, in order to do Christian work, they assume that service atones for disobedience. The prophetic marks which distinguish the "last days" are painfully evident within, as well as outside of, the church. "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." (2 Tim. 3:2-5.)

2. Along with a larger demand for the Scriptures, there is a weakening of confidence in them as the inerrant Word of God; and a tendency to exalt human reason above divine inspiration. In the popular methods of Bible study there is not that deep searching into the Word, which comports with its character.

3. There is a persistent disposition to ignore the hand of God in human affairs, to "retire God" not from politics alone, but from other spheres as well. Men glorify human achievement to the disparagement of divine efficiency. The visible forces which are employed in transforming Turkey and China are given due recognition and praise, but men "regard not the works of the Lord," who controls all these, "neither consider the operation of his hands." Man constructs a magnificent vessel, the most perfect product of the ship-

builders skill, and arrogantly affirms that it cannot be sunk. When God accepts the challenge and rebukes the pride of man, by a colossal disaster, that appals the civilized world; men in general speak of the "accident," but make no mention of the unseen hand that ripped open those ribs of steel.

4. As a church, God's hand is chastening us. In the last decade we have suffered a net decrease in membership of Three Hundred and Ninety-seven, One Hundred and Nineteen of which must be credited to the year ending with last Synod. This of itself ought to lead us to make earnest enquiry after the cause.

The number of our Foreign Missionaries providentially disqualified, when they are so much needed upon the field, is another evidence of God's displeasure. We ought to recognize in these dispensations not the dealing of God personally with individuals, but the hand of God laid upon the church, in the persons of her representatives. There is not that measure of confidence among us as a church and as a synod, which ought to exist among brethren, and this condition is itself a visitation from God, which ought to be confessed before him as the sin of us all. When "for the divisions of Reuben, there are great searchings of heart," we may expect the lifting up of the light of God's countenance upon us.

Synod appoints Thursday of the week of prayer, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and confession to be observed in all our congregations.

G. M. ROBB,
J. R. LATIMER,
W. C. McCLURKIN,
JAMES PARK,
J. H. FINLEY.

The Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation reported. Report was received and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

Your committee would respectfully report that two reports, viz., The report of the Board of Sustentation and the report of the Board of Church Erection have been placed in our hands.

The Sustentation Board has received \$588.78, which amount is now in the treasury. As the supplement for the Youngstown congregation has been advanced out of the Domestic funds, the Sustentation Board recommends that this balance in hand be turned over to the Domestic Mission treasury.

The Board of Church Erection report that during the fiscal year it has received calls for aid in erecting new houses of worship from the Geneva, Eskridge, and Regina congregations, and from Parnassus a request for assistance in the repair and enlargement of its home. To these congregations the Board has appropriated \$6,815.00. An itemized account is found in its report. The receipts for the year totaled \$4,091.28. The balance now is \$3,403.95.

We recommend:

1. That the appropriation of the Sustentation Board be sanctioned by Synod.
2. That the appropriations of the Board of Church Erection be sanctioned by Synod.

3. That Henry O'Neill and S. A. S. Metheny be re-elected as members of the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN COLEMAN,
MILLIGAN C. KILPATRICK,
J. G. REED,
JAMES T. MITCHELL.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION WOULD RESPECTFULLY REPORT

That several meetings of the Board were held, during the year, and matters entrusted to your Board, have received careful attention. The number of congregations applying for aid, for year ending April 30th, 1912, is larger than for year 1911. Your Board, with careful deliberation, and guided by close knowledge of ability and need in each case, has sought, as far as resources of the Board would justify, to render efficient help.

GENEVA.

This congregation, from its organization, worshipped in the College Chapel. This place not being longer available, the congregation, of necessity, had to procure, or prepare, another habitation. A suitable location was secured, and a commodious church was erected at a cost, of \$13,000. The church is fifty-five by forty-eight feet, with auditorium, Pastor's study, and a parlor, on one floor, and with basement for Sabbath school, prayermeeting, and other meetings. The auditorium will seat 200 to 250. The house is heated by steam and has electric lights, with gas for emergency.

The Geneva congregation, recommended by Pittsburgh Presbytery for \$2000, was, after careful examination, aided by your Board with a grant of \$2000 from the Board's treasury. There remained an indebtedness of \$3000, which was covered by notes, signed by the financial officers of the congregation. Thus Geneva congregation rejoices in their new house of worship.

The pastor of this congregation is J. C. Slater.

PARNASSUS.

The Parnassus congregation wished their building to be situated in a little different way on the lot, and at the same time, to raise the building so that a basement could be made and utilized. They canvassed the matter and their resources. The work being determined upon, the Parnassus congregation was recommended by Pittsburgh Presbytery to Board of Church Erection for \$1,000. After careful survey of the whole matter, your Board appropriated \$1,000 to aid, on condition the congregation complete the work without debt. The Parnassus congregation now rejoices in a beautified church, with convenient and commodious basement.

The pastor of this congregation is Robert Park.

ESKRIDGE.

Eskridge had a comfortable Church, with no thought of needing another. But in a few seconds, through one of those terrific storms which God sends, the church was completely wrecked, broken up, destroyed. Led by their pastor, the congregation was called together for thanksgiving and for encouragement, for God had manifested His goodness in preserving His people.

They determined to build another church. They determined to do it **right away**. They subscribed. They subscribed liberally. They toiled with their hands. The new church was completed. It is fifty by forty-four feet. Auditorium is fifty by thirty-one feet. Lec-

ture-room is thirty-two by twelve feet. The church will seat 300. The total cost was \$6,400.

The Eskridge congregation was recommended by Kansas Presbytery for generous aid. Your Board, after careful consideration, was glad to make an appropriation of \$1500. The small balance of debt was to be lifted in reasonable time. This congregation is worthy of special commendation for so quickly rebuilding the house of God.

The pastor of this congregation is W. A. Aikin.

REGINA.

The Regina congregation is located in the Capitol of the Province, a thriving and growing city of 30,000. Organized not long ago, they have been adding steadily to their membership. During the past year, they bought a church property from the Lutheran body. The lot is fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet, and the church is 26 by 40 feet. The price was \$2200. Out of their slender resources, the congregation paid \$1000. Recommended by the officers of Pacific Presbytery, your Board took special interest in the efforts of this struggling congregation to obtain a house of worship. After due consideration, your Board made an appropriation of \$800, on the understanding that, within reasonable time, the congregation would pay off the small balance of debt. The field is inviting, and is without settled pastor.

The Board's treasury showed a balance May 1, 1911	\$ 6127 67
Received from all sources.....	4091 28

\$10218 95

Disbursements—

To Parnassus congregation.....	\$1000 00
To Geneva congregation	2000 00
To Eskridge congregation	1500 00
To Regina congregation	800 00
To Printing Mortgages, etc.....	15 00

Total Disbursements	6815 00
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Balance on hand April 30, 1912.....	\$ 3403 95
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During the past year, your Board was able to make appropriations at little higher rate than usual, because of money carried over from the year before. But your Board, unless in special cases, deems it wise, hereafter, not to make appropriations for the year until all applications for the year are before the Board, and ready for consideration at the same time, lest some, on a full treasury, should receive more, while others, later, might receive less because of depleted treasury.

The names of congregations which should give non-interest-bearing mortgages, together with amounts to be covered by said mortgages, have been, so far as ready referred to Synod's Board of Trustees, according to action of Synod last year.

An appropriation of \$4000 is asked to carry on the work of the Board the ensuing year.

The time for which Henry O'Neill and S. A. S. Metheny were elected to the Board has expired, and their places should be filled.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

The name of R. C. Montgomery was added to the Board of Church Erection.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

The receipts for the past year have been \$588.78 which amount is now in the Treasury.

We recommend that this money be used to pay supplement voted by last Synod to Pastors' salaries in the Youngstown congregation.

The Sustentation Fund has always been used to supplement salaries for the year preceding its appropriation.

As the Supplement for Youngstown has been advanced out of the Treasury of the Domestic Mission we recommend that the balance in hand be turned over to the Domestic Mission Treasury.

(Signed.) JOHN YATES, Chairman,

R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was taken from the table.

Items 5, 6, 7 and 8. Adopted.

R. C. Wylie. W. J. Coleman and R. H. Martin, representatives of the Board of Trustees, were heard on behalf of the college.

Item 9. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND COLLEGE.

Your committee would report, that four papers have been placed in our hands:

1st. The report of the Seminary Board.

2nd. A petition from a number of the seminary students, asking that the seminary be transferred from Memorial Hall, its present location, to the building formerly occupied by the Aged People's Home.

3rd. The report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

4th. The report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

From these reports we learn that both institutions are enjoying a fair measure of prosperity. We are gratified at the number of first year students in the seminary, after the former year of dearth, but the supply of students is not yet equal to the demand. We make special mention of the fact that for the first time, in thirty years, T. P. Stevenson was not present at the meeting of the Board.

With reference to the Seminary we recommend:

1. That we bear testimony to the long and faithful attendance of T. P. Stevenson at the meetings of the Seminary Board.

2. That T. P. Stevenson, David Boyd, Charles McElhinney and W. R. Sterrett, whose terms of office, as members of the Board, have expired be elected their own successors. Also that William Esler be elected as successor to S. R. Wills, resigned.

3. The matter of changing the location of the Theological Seminary is of such importance as to demand great care; we therefore deem it wise to postpone action for one year and to appoint a committee to investigate the whole question and report to next Synod. As members of this committee we name M. M. Pearce, R. J. G. McKnight, J. S. Tibby, J. C. Calderwood, Geo. A. McKee, T. S. Trumbull

4. In view of the increasing demand for laborers and the inadequate supply, Synod urge that in the home, in the public worship, in the Sabbath school and in the college the claims of the ministry and the mission fields be kept continually before the young people of the church, and that earnest prayer be made that God will send forth laborers into his harvest.

5. That the movements of the present justify the wisdom of Synod, at its last meeting, in establishing the course of Reformed Presbyterian Apologetics in the Seminary, and press upon us the importance of training public teachers qualified to expound the teachings of the Bible in their bearing upon twentieth century problems.

6. That Synod prescribe the minimum attainment, in Greek scholarship, necessary to enter the seminary as a guide to presbyteries in receiving candidates for the ministry.

With reference to the college we recommend:

1. Since the chief end for which the college was founded is to give to the youth of the church a distinctively Covenanter education, along advanced lines, its claim upon the patronage of the church depends upon its fulfilling that end.

2. The aim of all, who have to do with the work of the college ought to be to develop a distinctively Covenanter atmosphere and generate an aggressive enthusiasm.

3. That we appreciate the efforts of the college Board to equip the institution with Covenanter instructors.

4. That in offering inducements to students to come from a distance to attend school, the Covenanter character of the institution be emphasized as a compensation for the additional cost incurred.

5. That we express our appreciation of the willingness on the part of educators in the college to accept a smaller salary than they could obtain elsewhere, in order that they may serve the church.

6. That we call upon the young people of the church to qualify themselves for giving instruction in the higher institutions of learning, not only that our own college may be manned entirely by our own members, but that they may occupy positions of influence elsewhere. We commend to their consideration that teachers, as well as ministers, should be ready to accept reduced compensation for the sake of serving the cause.

7. That while the action of the Board in abolishing the preparatory department may appear radical, we believe that it is justified by the conditions.

8. That R. C. Wylie, W. J. Coleman and R. H. Martin, representatives of the Board of Trustees, be heard by Synod.

9. That J. S. Tibby, whose term as a member of the Board of Corporators of the college be elected his own successor.

G. M. ROBB,
A. J. McFARLAND, Jr.
W. A. AIKIN,
J. M. BLACKWOOD,
GEO. A. CALDERWOOD.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report that they met for the closing exercises of the Seminary in the Seminary Hall, N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, April 30th, 1912, at 9 a. m. and held four sessions, adjourning the next day at noon. The following members of the Board were present: Revs. Acheson, Coleman and Sommerville and Elders McAnlis,

McElhinney, Steele and Sterrett. The Chairman, Dr. T. P. Stevenson, was absent for the first time in thirty years.

The Professors presented to the Board their reports of the work that had been done and of the events of the year deserving notice. The attendance of the students upon the classes was good. A written examination had been conducted by the Professors in all studies of the session except two, which were reserved for an oral examination before the Board. Dr. D. B. Willson examined the class on the Canon of the Old Testament and Dr. R. C. Wylie on Systematic Theology. The papers of the written examinations were submitted to the Board.

The students all gave discourses which were carefully reviewed by the Board. Nine students were in attendance during the year, six in the first year, viz., William C. Coleman, Robert G. Graham, Thomas E. Graham, Ernest K. Patton, William H. Shaw, and James B. Willson, and three of the third year, viz., George Slater Coleman, Frederick Francis Reade and James Boyd Tweed.

The reports of the Professors, the examinations, oral and written, and the discourses of the students were all heartily approved by the Board. The students of the third year were given certificates of graduation.

A petition addressed to the Board and signed by six students, urging a change of location of the Seminary, was transferred to Synod and is herewith presented.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Tibby, showing that the current fund of the Seminary has eleven hundred dollars less deficit than last year, gave great encouragement to the Board.

Elder S. R. Wills offered his resignation from membership on this Board on account of inability to attend its meetings.

The term for which T. P. Stevenson, David Boyd, Charles McElhinney and W. R. Sterrett were elected, has expired and their successors should be chosen by this Synod.

The Board of Superintendents, while thankful to the Master for the six new students that entered this year, calls attention with regret to the fact that there will be no class to graduate next year, and desires that the Synod will consider the need for young men who will devote themselves to the Lord's service and enter the Christian ministry.

We request the usual appropriation of \$4,000 for the support of the Seminary.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE, Chairman pro. tem.

W. J. COLEMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College asks the attention of Synod to the report of the Board of Trustees of College, which is ordered transmitted to Synod and will be read by the secretary of the Board of Trustees the Rev. R. H. Martin, for a statement of the condition of the College. Your Board recognizes that the Board of Trustees has given great diligence and care in directing the affairs of this institution, which is now such an important factor in advancing the work of the church, and the kingdom of our Saviour. Members of this Board, many of them very busy men in other departments of church work, having devoted many precious hours and days to considering the best interests of the College.

If the College is to exist and be a power in the church and in the world, she must keep pace with the advancement being made in education in our day. And to do this she must have the best equipment and the best instructors. And we believe that the Board of Trustees is making every effort to lay a firm and broad foundation for future efficiency. We therefore urge Synod to appropriate and urge the church to raise the full amount asked for in the report of the Board of Trustees. We will be pardoned for again calling the attention of the church to the fact that if former appropriations had been put into the treasury, the College would not now be suffering from any overdraft in the current funds.

It is a matter of rejoicing that the High Schools throughout the country are reaching that grade of efficiency that render the Preparatory Department in Colleges unnecessary. It is now possible for all to obtain a good education, and it is easier for the many to finish the College curriculum.

We are sorry that conditions render it necessary for us to part with instructors who have rendered faithful service, some for many years. Our best wishes go with them in the future.

We call attention to the high literary standing, and to the religious influences in and around this Institution. And we appeal for the confidence of the church, and ask our young people to consider carefully and prayerfully the advantages of obtaining their literary education in Geneva.

We bear testimony to the faithful labors of the financial agents of the College. We know that it is difficult to secure funds in times of financial stringency. These men have been busy. We commend them in the year to come to the liberality of the people in the church.

The time for which J. S. Tibby was chosen has expired and his successor should be chosen by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL, Vice-President.

J. R. WYLIE, Secretary of Board of Corporators.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College the Board of Trustees respectfully reports:

For the most part the college year has been most encouraging. We have had some things to discourage us but nothing of a serious nature save one—the condition of the College finances. As we wish to report more fully on this last item than ordinarily, the remaining items in this report will be brief. Some items on which we usually report will be omitted.

The order in the school has been good; no serious disturbances have taken place during the year. The College spirit also continues good. The work of both faculty and students is deserving of commendation. President George asked for a leave of absence for the past year in order to pursue his studies along the line of his teaching, in Harvard. Although the Board felt he was greatly needed at the College at the present juncture, yet believing that the spirit of fitting one's self for the best service should be encouraged by a college board, his request was granted. We are glad to say that he will resume his work at the beginning of the next College year. While he was greatly missed by both faculty and students, his administrative and teaching work the Board was able to distribute among other teachers in a way that has proved satisfactory. Professor Wylie, upon whom the bulk of administrative work fell, has

labored efficiently and faithfully and deserves along with others the thanks and commendation of the Board. The students have done well in literary work. Mr. C. J. Whitlatch represented the College both in the Prohibition League contest of the colleges of Pennsylvania and in the Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest. He took second place in the first mentioned contest and fourth place in the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest. Geneva participated in two intercollegiate debates this year, winning over the Mount Union College team and losing to the Muskingum College team. The Glee Club, to which reference was made in last year's report, has made for itself an enviable reputation. It has given fourteen concerts during the year in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. It has been an excellent advertising agency for the College. It has met all its own expenses. We feel that vocal music should have a prominent place in our College, as our Church not using the instrument in her services of worship, needs to lay great stress on her young people's learning music and training their voices so that we can commend the psalms by the way in which they are sung in worship. Professor Wylie with Professor van Guelpen, the instructor in vocal music in the College, deserves commendation for the success of the Glee Club.

The new gymnasium has been a drawing card for the College. Regular class work in gymnastics open to all the students was conducted from about the first of November to the first of the Spring Term. The class for the young women was conducted twice each week, the class for the young men three times each week. While the work was not compulsory a good degree of interest was shown on the part of a large number of the students. After this year the work will be compulsory and credit will be given for it the same as for any other required work. An evening class for business men was conducted in the gymnasium twice a week. The tuition from this class, amounting to about \$175.00, was turned into the athletic funds of the College.

The religious life of the students has been carefully looked after as heretofore. All literary students received one hour's class room instruction in Bible each week. The Sabbath evening prayer-meeting of the students continues to be well attended and helpful. A Mission Study class was conducted throughout the Winter Term. The Sabbath morning student Bible Class is well attended and a deep interest is shown. Professor Kennedy continues his Sabbath afternoon Bible instruction to the Y. M. C. A., and Mrs. R. C. Colwell continues to lead the Bible Class in the Y. W. C. A. Some students have been engaged in mission work, teaching in mission schools.

The attendance in the literary department is most encouraging. It numbers one hundred and forty-two, which is considerably above that of last year. The most encouraging feature about it is that our new students are nearly all College students, but few of them entering the Preparatory Department. Last year we reported forty-two in the Freshman Class, the largest Freshman Class in the history of the College until that date. This year the Freshman Class numbers sixty-three, an increase of twenty-one over last year's class.

The number of students in the departments of Music, Oratory and Art is not so large as last year. This is due not to any lack of efficiency in these departments, for we have teachers of the highest efficiency in each of them, but to other causes. In music the enrollment is one hundred and thirteen; on oratory thirty-two; and in art eleven. This makes a total attendance of two hundred and ninety-eight; exclusive of duplications, two hundred and fifty-two. In last year's total the number of normal students was included,

also the students attending the Summer School; this year the normal term begins several weeks later in the season and we are not able to give the total enrollment. As this report is being prepared on the day of the opening, the enrollment is something over fifty. Adding the probable attendance of normal students to the above two hundred and fifty-two would bring the total for this year not far below the totals of last year including the number in attendance at the Summer School included in last year's report. While there has been a slight decrease in attendance in some departments, in the literary department, upon which we lay the chief stress, there has been a marked increase.

At a recent meeting of the Board it was decided to discontinue the Preparatory Department of the College after this year. This step was determined upon after due consideration for the following reasons: First, because of the decrease from year to year in the number of preparatory students; three years ago there were forty-eight, two years ago thirty-seven, one year ago thirty-three, this year twenty-eight; the probability is this decrease would continue; second, the increased efficiency of high schools. This is particularly true in the local community. There is less need for a preparatory department in connection with the College than formerly; other colleges in our section of the country are dispensing with their preparatory departments; third, the standing of the College will be raised in the estimate of the local community; we will no longer in any sense compete with local high schools; fourth, it will reduce the expense of maintaining our teaching force. Our preparatory course covers four years. It is our purpose to maintain a sub-Freshman Class for the present to take care of students now in the third preparatory year and others coming to the College who are not able to enter as a regular Freshman. This change will thus be seen to require three years less teaching which, with four classes to each year, totals twelve classes. We purpose running the College with three less teachers than would be required if the preparatory department were continued. As only those now in the first and second preparatory classes will be unprovided for and they number only twelve students, the loss involved in tuition by the change will not be over \$500.00, whereas the saving in salaries of teachers will not be less than \$3000.00, a net financial saving of about \$2500.00. This saving, in view of our financial condition and in view of the fact that other schools are offering higher salaries to some of our best teachers than we have been paying, we consider important. This change which we believe will work out for the good of the College financially and otherwise has necessitated some changes in the personnel of the faculty. As the greater part of the Latin in the curriculum is taught in the preparatory department we have combined Greek and Latin under one professorship. Both these languages will hereafter be taught by Dr. Kennedy. Dr. William Milroy who has been professor of Latin for a long period and who has served the College faithfully and efficiently as a teacher we will be unable to retain longer. Neither will we have work for Miss Elizabeth McFarland, of Syracuse, New York, who has taught this year in the preparatory department with entire acceptance. In the departments of Mathematics and Natural Science where we have had three professors we will henceforth have but two. Physics which heretofore has been taught by the professor of Chemistry, will be combined with mathematics and taught by Professor Colwell. Chemistry and Biology, which have been taught by Professors Barrus and Purdy will hereafter be combined and taught by one new professor. An assistant in laboratory

will be required, which position will be filled either by the Physical Director of the College or by a student.

We have already stated that the discouraging feature this year is the condition of the College finances. The overdraft in the current account on May 1, 1911, was \$13,288.25. The overdraft in this account on the same date this year was \$16,673.42. A note of \$1000 due June 1, 1913, covers expenses incurred in connection with repairs of the College Chapel which were paid out of the current account this year. Deducting this amount provided for there is an increase of \$2385.17 in this account during the year. In view of this increase the Board at a recent meeting appointed a committee of three of its members to investigate the financial condition of the College. This committee reported to the Board and we incorporate in this report the larger portion of their report, as follows:

"The origin and growth of the overdraft and the means devised or to be devised for its extinction have been the subject of most careful investigation on the part of your committee and the results of this investigation are herewith presented.

BEGINNING OF THE DEBT.

"The debt began in the year 1896 when Synod authorized this Board to borrow \$2,000 to make needed repairs on the College building. This money was borrowed from Synod's Board of Trustees and was to be paid out of what is known as the Frazer bequest, as soon as it should come into the possession of the Church, \$2000 having been appropriated out of this fund for this purpose. But this money never came into the Church's possession. In 1897 Synod authorized the Financial Board to charge 6 per cent interest on this loan, and in the year 1901, it was transferred to Geneva College current account. This debt, together with accumulated interest and overdrafts because of lack of funds for current expenses constitutes the present College debt.

REASONS FOR ITS INCREASE.

"Since this debt has increased year by year it is necessary to make a pretty thorough presentation of the finances of the College so that the whole matter may be rightly understood.

"First of all the sources of the income of the College should be considered. These sources are three: (1) Tuition fees. (2) Interest on endowment notes and the invested funds. (3) Church Collection and individual contributions for current expenses. Tuition fees have steadily increased during all these years covered by our investigation. From the year 1886 to the year 1896 these fees averaged \$2,912 a year. From 1896 to 1906 the average per year was \$3,117. Since that date it has been \$5,357. For the past few years the income from this source has been exceedingly gratifying being \$5,639 in 1910, \$6,302 in 1911, and \$7,083 in 1912.

"The endowment fund and the income from this source have also largely increased during this period. In 1896 this fund amounted to \$110,780. In 1906 it had been increased to \$140,000. It is now \$204,270. In our investigation we were somewhat astonished by the fact that while the endowment fund between 1896 and 1906 was much larger than for the preceding ten years the income from this source was smaller. The Treasurer's report for the year 1905 gives the explanation. On page 73 of the Minutes of Synod for that year it is stated that "We have some unimproved real estate that was taken on a mortgage foreclosure over two years ago to the amount of \$35,437.10. No revenue has been received from this property, and, consequently, the dividends have been decreasing for several years." About \$15,000 of this unproductive investment belongs to the College

funds. While the Board of Trustees under its present management has been able to declare a dividend year by year of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent notwithstanding this handicap, it is still a fact that this money is tied up in an unproductive investment. The treasurer's books show that this investment became unproductive in 1896, the year our debt began. At the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent a year the College has lost up to the present time about \$12,000 in interest.

"The third source of income consists of Church collections and individual contributions for current expenses. During the period covered by this investigation Synod has asked contributions amounting to \$32,000 and the amount received has been \$14,000 or \$18,000 less than the amount considered necessary to meet expenses. During the period under review which is the period of the origin and growth of our debt we have received \$30,000 less than was our just due. Is it any great wonder, in view of these facts, that we have a debt of \$16,673.42?

COLLEGE EXPENSES.

"An examination of the expenses of running the College will show why with the increase in income there has been a still larger increase of outlay. The total annual income at the beginning of the period under review was \$10,230. This amount increased gradually until it has reached the sum of \$21,524.42. It is necessary that we locate the increase in expenses so that we may be able to face the exact facts. The increase in professors' salaries has been only \$4,000. And for the past five years during which the income has increased \$10,000 the increase in salaries has been only \$2,700. In other words the income of the College has increased 100 per cent in the past five years and the expense for salaries has increased only about 25 per cent. We must look elsewhere for the increase in expenses.

"We find that the repairs on the college for some years have ranged from \$150.00 to \$2,500.00 a year, and during the past year have been \$2,526. Other local expenses have ranged from \$3,000 to \$5,400 and during the past year were \$4,186. Repairs and local expenses together with the interest on the overdraft, are accountable for the overdraft, and there must be some method devised whereby these expenses shall be decreased or the funds to meet them provided.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

"It is useless to think of conducting an educational institution without a liberal supply of funds. We cannot compete with other institutions unless we keep the buildings and grounds in good repair and man the institution with first class teachers. The College has lost many good teachers in the past because other Colleges wanted them and were able to pay better salaries than we could offer."

There is also a debt on the Gymnasium of \$7,869.26. At least \$3000 of this amount is secured by notes and pledges. The cost of the gymnasium completed is from \$5,000 to \$6,000 above its first estimated cost. There is a debt against the Dormitory which for years has stood at \$967. We have also borrowed \$11,735.23 to make up the \$45,000 in cash required by Mr. Carnegie as the condition on which he would give \$15,000 to the College. As this is covered by notes from friends of the College and secured by the College Board of Trustees, it is not a debt in the usual sense of that term.

Recently the Board made an estimate of the College plant. The College buildings and grounds are estimated to be worth \$200,000. Adding to this our endowment of \$204,270, our total assets are about \$404,000. While our debt is troublesome, it is not large in compari-

son with our assets. The current account debt is about 4 per cent of our assets. Include the debt against the Gymnasium unprovided for and the debt against the Dormitory and it is not over 6 per cent of our assets. In light of the progress made by the College in the past few years, it is very small. This progress has been made along many lines. As the report of the Committee quoted from above shows much of the debt has been incurred by repairs and improvements on buildings and grounds. A tabulated list of repairs and improvements made on buildings and grounds within the past three years was recently submitted to the Board the total cost of which is estimated at \$31,000. The College had gotten to the point where it was absolutely necessary to make these improvements and to make advancement along other lines unless she was to become a second or third rate school and drop out of the race with other Colleges. Your Board of Trustees was not willing for her to become such an institution and did not believe that the Church, the alumni of the College and her other friends would consent to her becoming such an institution. So we have gone forward doing what we were persuaded was necessary to make Geneva what she ought to be. If we had attempted for the past four years to run within the income and cancelled the debt, the college would have lost the confidence and patronage of its supporters. It would have lost in students and suffered a reverse from which it could not recover in years, if ever. It is our purpose to conduct the affairs of the College as economically as possible, but to conduct it, as we believe the Church and all other friends of the College expect it to be conducted as an institution of the first class, keeping pace with the progress other Colleges are making in these days. In the thick of the battle when the flagbearer had borne the flag well in advance of the regiment heading the charge, the cry was raised, "Bring the flag back to the regiment." The answer came back from the flagbearer, "Bring the regiment up to the flag." We who have been charged with administering the affairs of Geneva College have been endeavoring to carry the white and gold flag of Geneva in the forefront in the march of the Colleges toward better things. If anyone should cry, "Bring back the flag, retrench, curtail, cut down expenses," our response is, "Let the regiment quicken its pace. Let the Church and all the friends of the College hasten to its support. Let them come up to the flag."

Rev. Robert Clarke and Dr. W. P. Johnston are the field agents of the College to secure funds and students. They have labored faithfully and well. Considering the fact that this has been a most difficult year in which to raise funds we consider the amount they report as having turned into the College funds very satisfactory. Dr. Johnston began work July 1st, 1911. He spent the entire time until Sept. 16 in canvassing for students. From that time until May 1st of this year he turned into the College Treasury \$2,574. Two thousand of this amount went into the Endowment fund, the remainder to the Current Account. He provided entirely for his travelling expenses by preaching. He has also secured other assets for the College which will amount to several thousand dollars in the future. Within the recent months he has visited many High Schools and already has a good number of students secured for the coming year.

Mr. Clarke reports the amount of cash paid into the College Treasury May 1, 1911 to May 1st, 1912, to be \$6,871.67. Ending with May 1st, 1912, he has been in the employ of the College 32 months in all. At least six months of this time has been spent in securing students. During this time he has paid into the treasury

\$21071.31 cash. Of this amount \$1053.34 was received from preaching and assisting in Communion. In addition to the above he has secured in donations of labor, furnishings and materials \$4050. In addition he has turned over to the treasury five shares of Christian Nation Stock which at par value is worth \$500. For his services for the 32 months the College has paid him \$4000 salary. His travelling expenses have been \$1088.00 for the 32 months, an average of \$34 per month. By the donations in labor, furnishings and material and by the remuneration received from preaching, Mr. Clarke has provided for his salary and expenses with \$15.34 to the good. The College has netted from his 32 months service \$20,017.97. Nearly all the money raised by Mr. Clarke went either into the Gymnasium Fund or the Endowment fund.

With a view to keeping down expenses and decreasing the debt, the Board at its last meeting had its different Committees report on the estimated income for the same period. The expenses is estimated at \$21,500 to \$22,000. The income is estimated at \$21,500 exclusive of any funds that the financial agents of the College secure throughout the year. It will thus be seen that on this estimate we have prospect of reducing the current account debt this year by practically whatever amount these representatives of the College are able to secure for that fund. With the united and hearty support of the Church and all the friends of the College we believe all our debts can be met and College made and kept up to the highest standard of efficiency. We ask from Synod the same appropriation as usual, \$3000. In view of the increased efficiency of the College in recent years, in view of the debt in which we are involved; in view of the fact that the beginning of this debt was incurred by authorization of Synod, and that the provision it made for meeting this debt from the Frazer bequest failed; in view of the fact that the Church has given to the College only \$14,000 of the \$32,000 asked from the Church Collections within the period of this debt, we ask that a liberal proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the Rochester Church property and from bequests now at the disposal of Synod be given the College.

Drs. R. C. Wylie and W. J. Coleman were appointed to urge this matter before the proper parties.

Drs. R. C. Wylie and W. J. Coleman and Rev. R. H. Martin were appointed to represent the College before Synod.

(Signed) R. C. WYLIE, President.

R. H. MARTIN, Secretary.

The seminary professors were appointed a committee to prescribe minimum requirements in Greek as a guide to Presbyteries in receiving candidates for the ministry.

The time for the meeting of the Mission Conference was fixed for Monday evening preceding the meeting of Synod.

The Judicial Commission submitted their report. Their report, together with answer to questions of P. J. McDonald and others, was received and adopted, and ordered engrossed on the minutes of Synod. They are as follows:

MINUTES OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

The Judicial Commission to act on appeals and complaints of certain members of Santa Ana congregation against Pacific Coast Presbytery, met in the home of Dr. C. D. Trumbull and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. J. B. Gilmore was elected Clerk.

The following members were present: J. M. Coleman, S. G. Shaw, J. C. Slater, J. B. Gilmore, J. C. Calderwood, G. G. McLaury and Charles McElhinney.

On motion the former finding of the Commission be rescinded. The motion was laid on the table to entertain a substitute.

The following was adopted as the finding of the Commission: That from the evidence before us the appeals and complaints of L. A. Walkinshaw, Thomas Reid, J. I. McCarter and S. A. Milligan be sustained on account of irregularities in the mode of procedure by the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the court adjourned.

J. M. COLEMAN, Moderator.

J. B. GILMORE, Clerk.

ANSWER TO INQUIRIES OF P. J. McDONALD AND OTHERS.

The members of the Judicial Commission, to whom certain inquiries of P. J. McDonald and others of the Pacific Coast Presbytery were submitted, acting as a Committee, would reply:

To the inquiry, "Where does it leave the lower court in its relation to the case, we reply: that it leaves the lower court in the same relation to the case which it sustained August 10, 1910, when the pledges were given.

To the inquiry, Is the violation of a written pledge given to the lower court a censurable offense? We reply, that it is if supported by specific charges, legally proven.

To the question, In what relation do these men stand to the congregation? We reply, that the relation is the same which they sustained August 10, 1910, when the pledges were given.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. COLEMAN,

J. C. SLATER,

S. G. SHAW,

J. B. GILMORE,

JOHN C. CALDERWOOD,

G. G. McLAURY,

CHARLES McELHINNEY.

The Presbytery was instructed to re-try the case.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The report was received and adopted. The committee submitted a draft of a letter to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland in answer to the fraternal letter received from that Synod. The officers of the Synod were directed to sign the letter and forward the same to the Synod of Ireland.

The reports of Committees on Secret Societies and The Sabbath, were referred to the Committee of next year.

Minutes of this evening session were read, corrected and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by C. D. Trumbull, the singing of the 133rd Psalm, and the benediction by the Moderator to meet in Winona, Indiana, May 27, 1913, at eight o'clock p. m.

JOHN S. THOMPSON, Moderator.

JOHN C. FRENCH, Clerk.

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Assistant.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1912 Colorado

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	CONTRIBUTIONS																							
Denver	John C. French	203 So. Clarkson	4	4	12	9	85	4	183	25	\$ 10	\$ 88	\$ 30	\$ 9	\$ 13	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 9	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 1350	\$ 517	\$ 1995	
Evans	W. J. McBurney	Evans, Colo.	3	3	8	27	50	50	50	20	35	91	18	10	13	10	4	6	6	22	23	4	4	*714	874	
Greeley .....	.....	W. S. Wylie, Cor., Greeley	4	4	8	12	73	44	75	15	34	64	31	19	13	10	4	6	5	21	6	3	1023	*1010	1217
LaJunta	E. A. Crooks	810 Carson Ave., La Junta	3	2	2	3	44	44	25	157	168	31	32	7	7	4	4	4	4	21	18	4	400	225	1660	
Canon City Mis. Sta. ....	.....	Jas. T. Willson, Cor., Canon C.	3	2	7	7	8	8	25	57	34	32	32	7	7	4	4	4	4	6	2	4	400	11	590
.....	Samuel Edgar	Latakia, Syria .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	John K. Robb	Tak Hong Chau, China .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. T. Willson	Boulder, Colo. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Elmer Russel	Greeley, Colo. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. Congregations... 4	No. of Ministers ... 8	Total	14	13	22	58	260	4	333	60	293	445	111	45	20	18	13	15	58	47	10	11	2773	2477	6336	

† Including 36 in Home Department and 18 in Cradle Roll. * Including amount paid for supplies.

Illinois

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attend'ce.	Young People's Society Attendance	Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimnoy Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
St. Louis		Sherman G. Alexander,	4	3	4	3	44			12	\$ 110	\$ 183	\$ 48	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 100	\$ 2304	\$ 2867
Church Hill	W. S. Fulton	4743 Washington Blvd, St. Louis	3	5	6	4	57		35	14	116	110	25	2	2	20	8	10	16	16	10	8	100	75	517
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	Coulterville, Ill.	4	3	6	2	62	2	40	27	92	60	27	21	28	20	10	11	10	16	10	7	548	729	1647
Bethel		Princeton, Ind.	4	3	6	66	66		2	50	86	25	37	22	12	4	3	11	9	16	10	7	226	378	638
Selma	S. F. Kingston	J. E. Wilson, Sparta, Ill.	4	3	6	82	82		105	28	86	77	58	3	25	13	3	10	106	38	5	8	900	689	1476
Bloomington	G. R. Steele	822 Union St., Selma, Ala.	5	8	5	110	110	1	100	25	86	77	183	39	25	13	17	20	106	38	5	8	900	689	2216
Old Bethel	D. C. Mathews	219 E. 9th St., Bloomington, Ind.	5	5	6	113	113	1	85	1	181	73	48	36	33	14	15	25	24	27	5	9	800	584	1874
Oakdale	M. A. Gault	Houston, Ill.	7	5	1	154	154	4	147	20	91	136	55	103	22	16	11	9	31	10	5	3	800	418	1710
	D. S. Faris	Oakdale, Ill.																							
		Sparta, Ill.																							
No. Congregations	No. of Ministers	Totals	37	40	22	33	688	10	562	99	676	669	481	246	152	77	80	81	206	113	23	49	3674	5438	11965

† Adult. * Part year; manse.

Iowa

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attend'ce.	Young People's Society Attendance	Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund..	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total	
Chicago	T. C. McKnight	6534 Champlain Ave., Chicago.	4	3	9	12	42	70			\$ 78	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 14	\$ 9	\$ 11	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 1320	\$ 675	\$ 2073	
Hickory Grove		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	4	3	1	16	82	30			128	44	26	25	25	24	9	8	11	134	5	10	1000	235	262	
Hopkinton	Frank E. Allen	T. J. Joseph, Hopkinton Iowa	5	4	1	5	76	42			35	24	32	14	24	9	8	8	16	7	5	4	*627	1182	2617	
Lake Reno	C. D. Trumbull	Glenwood, Minn.	5	4	5	19	136	126			580	344	250	131	159	47	31	882	219	42	12	20	1065	359	1170	
Morning Sun	Geo. A. Edgar	Morning Sun, Iowa.	4	3	2	1	31	31			224	89	38	67	32	9	8	5	5	45	10	3	5	800	683	4465
Rehoboth	E. L. McKnight	Morning Sun, Iowa, R. F. D. 2	3	2	20	5	187	175			187	384	290	226	56	46	533	64	53	11	22	*1000	738	110	1445	
Sharon	H. G. Patterson	Waukesha, Wis., R. F. D. 3	7	6	5	3	37	35			13	19	22	8	29	7	6	11	12	14	2	2	5	845	4346	
Vernon	S. E. Greer	321 E. Wash'n St., Wash'n, Ia.	2	3	5	4	57	30			189	71	53	47	32	7	6	7	41	12	2	3	800	600	1870	
Washington	J. A. Black	7628 Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.	4	5	5	4	57	30			17	189	71	53	47	32	7	6	7	41	12	2	3	800	600	1870
	Robt E. Willson	Mersine, Asia Minor																								
	J. M. Littlejohn	Chicago, Ill.																								
	Robt. Clarke	Beaver Falls, Penn.																								
	J. S. McGaw	633 Parkview Ave., N. Avalon, Penn.																								
No. Congregations	9	No. of Ministers	40	32	46	62	665	28	548	78	1734	978	862	587	522	149	114	1457	535	143	49	59	7112	5427	19728	

a. 1 Adult.

b. Adults 2.

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New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

St. John	D. B. Elsey	49 Spring St., St. John, N. B.	1	1	1	1	30	2	6	8	10	7	21	11	8	1	2	3	5	4	1	1	500	511	1083
Barnesville		W. J. Curry, Barnesville, N. B.	2	7	1	22	20	20	15	15	15	11	29	4	20	2	3	1	3	4	2	2	240	6	329
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	1	1	57	25	25	124	175	124	75	75	26	20	5	5	3	3	3	3	5	400	70	909
No. Congregations	3	No. Ministers	5	7	1	3	109	2	51	8	149	193	125	41	32	3	10	4	12	11	6	8	1140	587	2321

CONTRIBUTIONS

Young People's Society Attendance

Sabbath School Attend'ce.

Baptisms

Communicants

Decrease in Membership

Increase in Membership

Deacons

Elders

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Beulah b.	James T. Mitchell.	Bostwick, Neb.	4	3	3	5	89	2	85	45	76	60	9	39	19	25	7	9	55	6	41	1	3	800	204	1341
Billings	H. G. Foster	Billings, Okla.	6	16	10	1	286	16	100	45	21	17	65	8	8	19	5	4	76	—	50	15	25	630	246	1117
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers, SS	Apache, Okla.	3	3	4	8	93	a16	216	200	200	150	120	40	50	60	25	40	—	—	50	15	25	630	246	1117
Clarinda, b.	H. G. McConaughy	Clarinda, Iowa	6	3	4	4	120	a5	140	12	396	225	172	48	117	34	32	32	41	28	46	18	18	1000	4680	6885
Denison	D. H. Elliot	Denison, Kan.	6	3	4	6	114	16	150	25	165	195	135	41	74	34	34	34	33	41	57	13	22	825	370	2016
Eskridge	W. A. Aikin	Eskridge, Kan.	1	13	15	2	55	2	78	127	102	41	45	59	18	17	16	16	3444	18	11	6	6	800	268	4961
Hebron	J. R. W. Stephenson	Idiana, Kan.	1	1	1	7	108	2	60	16	27	59	30	22	4	7	7	7	400	15	12	2	4	550	176	1005
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	4247 Wyoming St., Ks City, Mo	4	3	11	6	70	1	40	17	25	40	83	22	4	42	9	9	12	26	17	2	2	800	570	1959
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa	2	2	9	12	89	3	70	15	28	26	17	17	17	17	32	34	102	95	30	9	14	d225	1007	1698
Olath	W. S. Mitchell	W. S. Mitchell, Olathe, Kan.	2	6	2	10	109	3	157	28	196	570	125	53	53	116	4	3	4	13	3	3	10	578	463	3118
Quinter	J. G. McElhinney	Quinter, Kan.	6	15	15	18	90	3	23	13	10	5	26	3	7	8	5	32	8600	79	24	6	10	931	1493	705
Stafford	J. Boggs Dodds	W. J. Wallace, Stafford, Kan.	7	23	26	15	157	a7	85	20	29	23	92	108	108	59	24	6	—	—	10	8	2	720	587	1330
Sterling	J. M. Johnston	Sterling, Kan.	3	7	2	18	48	1	113	15	171	131	92	40	49	20	6	21	32	101	36	6	2	600	317	1040
Superior	Owen F. Thompson	Superior, Neb.	5	2	2	15	76	2	113	54	617	223	94	112	45	112	45	41	124	123	125	50	11	1168	616	2485
Taber	A. A. Samson	Idiana, Kan.	3	e6	8	6	76	5	117	54	14	14	15	15	15	7	7	41	124	123	125	50	11	905	125	3988
Topeka, b.	John A. Reynolds	922 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.	10	7	7	9	201	5	117	54	14	14	15	15	15	7	7	41	124	123	125	50	11	905	125	3988
Winchester, b.	John A. Reynolds	John A. Reynolds, Winc'h, Ks.	10	7	7	9	201	5	117	54	14	14	15	15	15	7	7	41	124	123	125	50	11	905	125	3988
Wahoo	S. M. McCloy	S. H. Carlisle, Wahoo, Neb.	2	1	—	—	22	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lieb, Mis. Sta.	D. H. Coulter	140 W. 11th St., Topeka, Kan.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	J. D. Edgar	Sterling, Kan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Isaiah Faris	1517 W. 6th St., Topeka, Kan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Geo. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	A. J. McFarland	Latakia, Syria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	S. M. Morrow	Blanchard, Iowa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	J. Ralston Wylie	Lieb, Hutchinson Co., Texas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	A. M. Thompson	Eskridge, Kan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. Congregations	18	No. of Ministers	23	85	74	170	118	1680	64	1744	432	2274	2558	1271	608	829	279	304	12911	577	475	136	121	11937	13454	47734

a. Adults--Cache Creek 5, Superior 5, Clarinda 1.
 b. Manse.
 c. Supplies.
 d. Part of year.
 e. Trustees.
 f. Provisional.
 g. Roll Purged.
 h. No report.
 i. Including Manse at \$300.
 j. Including 20 mission scholars in mission school.
 k. Including 45 in mission school and 18 in Home Dept.

New York

CONGREGATIONS			MINISTERS			ADDRESS			CONTRIBUTIONS																							
Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D. 4, Groton, Vt.	4	2	3	56	5	75	74	\$8	\$37	\$11	\$18	\$61	\$9	\$4	\$6	\$6	\$12	\$7	\$2	\$4	\$685	\$205	\$1067							
1st Boston	Samuel McNaughton	40 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.	6	4	1	203	a2	60	60	100	80	35	5	20	2	2	3	900	5	50	2	2	1800	625	3465							
2nd Boston	J. M. Foster	41 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	3	3	4	63	1	50	50	100	100	55	5	20	2	2	3	25	150	25	2	2	700	800	1846							
Bovina	W. C. Robb	Bovina Center, N. Y.	3	3	2	65	1	40	16	88	69	46	20	30	24	10	28	42	16	6	6	9	800	235	1374							
Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	6905 Lawton Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	4	4	10	5	b7	40	16	109	124	84	30	24	24	10	5	22	24	7	3	10	915	312	1728							
Cambridge	R. C. Reed	1524 Cambridge St., Cam., Mass.	4	4	2	57	1	40	40	100	124	84	30	24	24	10	3	17	6	3	3	900	600	1846								
Goldenham		J. W. May, R. F. D. Newburgh, N. Y.	4	4	2	17	1	25	25	60	270	156	32	125	35	40	18	40	23	24	6	2	165	182	489							
Montclair	John W. F. Carlisle	284 Liberty St., Newburgh, N. Y.	3	4	6	154	120	100	100	75	35	40	18	20	15	10	50	25	24	23	23	38	1200	500	2315							
1st Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	d3	4	4	18	150	100	100	75	35	40	18	20	15	10	50	25	24	23	23	38	1200	500	2315							
2nd Newburgh	R. M. Thompson	325 W. 56th St., New York	9	8	13	225	4	165	30	471	378	101	139	55	51	26	48	24	24	23	10	11	2500	2460	5940							
3rd New York	E. M. Foster	335 W. 24th St., New York	5	7	9	163	4	136	308	195	73	41	30	15	18	66	20	24	23	10	11	2500	2460	5940								
Ryeckate	D. C. Faris, S. S.	Box 38, R. F. D. 4, Groton, Vt.	d2	1	1	16	16	a4	125	37	255	245	81	171	50	20	19	35	102	30	9	15	900	641	2166							
Walton	Archibald Johnston	Walton, N. Y.	6	5	8	95	a4	45	45	31	28	15	18	23	25	6	1200	4	6	9	9	650	171	2191								
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y.	6	5	8	95	a4	45	45	31	28	15	18	23	25	6	1200	4	6	9	9	650	171	2191								
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y.	4	3	1	56	1	45	45	31	28	15	18	23	25	6	1200	4	6	9	9	650	171	2191								
	John H. Pritchard	Tak Hing Chau, South China.																														
	Julius Kempf	Scottsdale, Arizona																														
	J. A. Rusk	Larnaca, Cyprus																														
	W. M. George	Morning Sun, Iowa																														
	Walter McCarroll																															
	T. Patton																															
No. Congregations	No. of Ministers	Total	67	59	56	81	1449	28	1164	299	1994	1390	592	694	328	207	160	2898	429	431	86	102	16761	8924	34996							

a, 1 Adult; b, 3 Adults; c, A. J. Harding, 84 Greenwood Ave., Montclair, N. J. d, Report for last year.

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Belle Center	S. R. Wallace	Box 361, Belle Center, O.	2	2	4	37	25	10	130	74	73	16	13	2	5	21	73	10	2	4	400	125	951			
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris	109 N. Park St., Bellefontaine, O.	3	3	2	35	25	38	27	21	8	11	7	5	5	3	26	4	2	2	350	91	583			
Cedar Lake	D. O. Jack	Ray, Ind.	5	5	2	88	80	20	64	75	22	17	35	2	2	3	26	4	2	2	615	490	1363			
Cedarville b		W. R. Sterrett, Cedarville, O.	3	4	3	45	50	15	75	60	45	12	17	23	5	8	9	8	23	5	3	155	1473			
Cincinnati	J. E. Huheey	W. E. Huheey, Batavia, O., R. S.	3	3	2	23	62	27	27	31	35	9	22	6	7	6	10	9	4	300	138	601				
Detroit b	T. C. Cannon	T. C. Cannon, 1287 Gr. River Ave	5	5	2	28	28	15	38	15	8	15	15	14	7	6	35	24	5	15	5	208	104	383		
Fairgrove	R. A. Logan	R. A. Logan, Hetherton, Mich.	3	3	2	30	39	15	39	67	80	12	7	16	7	6	24	5	15	5	777	380	1125			
Hetherton	R. W. Piper	White Cottage, Ohio	6	6	3	62	40	15	40	52	50	21	17	16	7	8	130	22	4	3	800	380	1530			
Jonathan's Creek	John Coleman	New Concord Ohio	4	4	4	62	140	58	200	100	100	54	56	70	17	20	15	20	24	3	5	800	479	1863		
New Concord	W. M. Robb	New Concord Ohio	8	8	4	120	2	35	7	189	175	20	145	108	8	11	8	68	9	5	4	800	447	1997		
Southfield b	R. Hargrave	Birmingham, Mich.	4	4	2	68	2	35	7	189	175	20	145	108	8	11	8	68	9	5	4	800	447	1997		
United Miami		Huntsville, O.	4	4	2	68	2	35	7	189	175	20	145	108	8	11	8	68	9	5	4	800	447	1997		
Utica	R. A. Blair	D. O. Torrrens, Utica, O.	4	4	2	68	2	35	7	189	175	20	145	108	8	11	8	68	9	5	4	800	447	1997		
	Louis Meyer	Olathe, Kas.																								
	E. C. Mitchell	104 Mason St., Cincinnati, O.																								
	W. J. Sanderson	New Concord, O.																								
	E. G. Elsey	Selma, Ala. (sum. Cedarville, O.)																								
	J. G. Reed	Glenwood, Minn.																								
		Utica, O.																								
No. of Congregations	13	Totals	53	34	12	32	721	11	616	135	842	605	285	292	312	61	72	241	258	113	48	26	5050	3609	11874	

a. Including Manse. b. From last year's report.

Pacific Coast

Regina		John Muirhead, Regina, Can.	1	2	22	1	41	35	15	44	20	100	415	361	940										
Content		W. J. Armour, Content, Alt.	3	3	7	8	131	2	200	45	338	281	173	72	86	36	58	38	42	22	36	1400	25	4332	
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave.	5	5	3	3	27	90	49	33	49	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	170	181	512	
Portland	Frank D. Frager	1206 Haight St.	3	3	2	2	66	5	58	34	56	122	125	12	16	6	9	5	12	9	7	4	800	485	1668
Los Angeles	Pollock J. McDonald	906 East 28th St.	5	5	17	6	66	5	58	34	56	122	125	12	16	6	9	5	12	9	7	4	800	485	1668
Santa Ana	George N. Greer	720 East Third St.	1	1	23	2	74	3	60	21	44	39	67	17	15	6	9	5	119	5	8	465	310	1109	
Oakland, Cal., Mis. St.	J. M. Armour, D. D.	123 Melrose Ave., Seattle																							
	J. S. Thompson	* Prosser, Wash.																							
	L. A. Blackwood	San Louise O' Bisbo, Cal.																							
	W. C. Allen	Oakland, Cal.																							
No. of Ministers	6	Totals	18	21	95	21	361	15	443	115	487	489	458	101	137	48	76	79	273	107	37	40	3291	3020	8843

* Until Oct. 1, 1912, Keyport, Kitsap Co., Wash. After Oct. 1st, Hemet, Cal.

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Adamsville and Mid-			2				1	21			\$ 346	\$ 346	\$ 386	107	245	40	119	129		82	56	4	n1833	1460	4	214	
dletown		R. J. McCracken, West Sun-					1																				
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle St., N. S., Pittsb'rg	5		10	10	137	1	160	40	388	18	36	18	26	11	2	5				4	500	278	551		
Bear Run & Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glen Campbell, Pa.	6	4	1	5	47	2	75	20	29	40	26	11	11	43	5	13	110		15	7	6	a333	b1010	905	
First Beaver Falls		Wm. Pearce, 712 19th St., Bea-				6	104	4	150	55	45		16	8												1661	
		ver Falls,																									
Brookland	P. P. Boyd	5485 Hays St., Pittsburg, Pa.	2	2	3	10	22		34	30	8	218	115	20	70	10	15	463		60	2	2	10	150	58	226	
Central Allegheny	John Yates	8 Lafayette Ave, N. S., Pitts-	5				147		225		174	10									15			1600	1676	461	
		burg, Pa.																									
Clarksburg	R. H. Martin	Robt. Henry Saltsburg, Pa.	2	2		4	14	3	281	60	11	516	43	53	80	15	9	691		525	25			100	15	136	
College Hill	J. C. Slater	3400 Fourth Ave., Beaver Falls	3	5	19	16	173			31	261	39	22	16	77	1	1	1794			80	6	10	1500	m4738	8472	
Geneva	M. M. Pearce	4531st St., Beaver Falls, Pa.	3	6	5	3	95	11	190	31	134	190	74	28	59	10	11			50	4	2	20	1043	816	4091	
East End		6919 Frankstown Ave., Pittsbu	6	5	8	14	74	3			103	21	21	22	14	4					4	2	3	1000	675	2292	
Little Beaver	J. A. Forsyth	1019 Jenny Lind St., McKee-	4	4		5	58		47		27	19	100	8	7	4	4	44		60	12	2		e485	187	826	
McKeesport and Mo-	James McCune	1019 Jenny Lind St., McKee-	3			7	41		152		29													3502	191	934	
nongehela		port, Pa.																									
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	Mercer, Pa.	5	5	2	6	55	d1	50		47	45	50	59	32	9	9	6		3	13	2	3	528	164	970	
Miller's Run	S. G. Connor	R. D. 2, Cannonsburg, Pa.	3		3	6	49		50		211	124	60	30	22	8	19	17	28	18	4	17	900	1471	181	8472	
New Alexandria		R. R. Steele, Crab Tree, Pa.	7	3	3	2	110	4	101		224	124	60	30	22	8	19	17	28	18	4	17	900	1471	181	8472	
New Castle	S. J. Johnston	605 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	6	10	12	19	133	18	215	55	102	8	52	50	54	3	1	2		86	15	7	8	j1250	948	4473	
North Union	P. J. Boyd	5485 Hays St., Pittsburg, Pa.	3			29	29	2			10	3	1	3							1			3	300	144	472
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	318 Shaw St., New Castle, Pa.	1	2	1	1	10		18		18	14	14	10	10			100		75				100	c80	385	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2				16				86	42	31	15	20			5			6			250	62	409	
Union	E. M. Elsey	Glen Campbell, Pa.	4	4		4	29	1	60		9		6					7	237	11		3	3	403	300	1169	
Rehoboth	Robert Park	Parnassus, Pa.	5				85	3	80	21	85	95	32	49	63	15	20	1285		39	17	5		1000	b440	3153	
Parnassus		117 W. McIntyre, N.S. Pittsbu	4	7	11	2	188	1	110	60	39	128	232	98	169	37	78	87	2597		12	2	21	2000	2782	9451	
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	New Castle, Pa., R. D. No. 6,	5	3	3	71	3	3	75	20	55	60	23	13	34	7	3	3			6			1	500	271	1002
Slippery Rock	W. O. Ferguson	816 Ross Ave., Wilksburg.	4	3	21	7	142	1	k174	70	238	213	169	100	275	35	44	1614		123	67		45	1900	1915	6738	
Wilksburg	R. J. G. McKnight	W. W. Dickey, 732 Market St.	4		4	3	50	1	100	26	34	14	68	39	37			1		1	2			550	502	1249	
Youngstown		Youngstown, O.																									
	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.																									
	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa.																									

Pittsburg--- (Continued)

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			Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attend'ce.	Young People's Society Attendance	Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission
	J. M. Coleman	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	J. F. Crozier	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	C. A. Dodds	Black Mountain, N. C.														
	R. J. Dodds	Leechburg, Pa., R. F. D.														
	J. C. K. Faris	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	H. H. George	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	W. H. George	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	W. P. Johnston	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	George Kennedy	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	George Kennedy	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	J. S. Martin	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland Ave., P'ttsbg, Pa.														
	T. A. McElwain	New Castle, Pa., R. F. D.														
	A. J. McFarland	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	R. J. McIsaac	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.														
	W. J. McKnight	1623 Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.														
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis.														
	B. M. Sharp	411 Penn Bldg, Pittsburg, Pa.														
	T. C. Sproull	7371 Monticello St., P'ttsbg, Pa.														
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria.														
	D. R. Tappart	Tak Hing Chau, China														
	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista St., N. S. Pittsburg, Pa.														
	R. C. Wylie	119 W. McIntyre N. S., Pittsburg, Pa.														
No. Congregations	26 No. Ministers	Totals	106	69	117	140	2012	51	2357	488	2737	2642	1615	868	1444	259

a. For 4 months. b. Temperance \$1. Geneva College \$24. c. Geneva College \$5. d. 1 Adult. e. For Supplies. f. Connellsville 110. g. For Supplies \$318.
h. Geneva College \$15; Students' Aid \$12. i. Adults 2. j. Including parsonage. k. 34 Home Dept., 18 Cradle Roll, 5 Chinese Dept. l. And Manse.
m. Geneva College \$320. n. For 11 months; the pastor gave 1 month to Witness Bearing.

Philadelphia

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			Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attend'ce	Young People's Society Attendance	Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total	
First Ch. Philad'ia	T. P. Stevenson	4502 Kingsessing Ave.	6	6	16	15	164	2	85	46	\$100	\$472	\$73	\$32	\$38	\$16	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$138	\$32	\$13	\$13	\$1600	\$1928	\$4507
Second Ch. Philad'ia	J. C. McFeeters	649 N. 22nd St.	7	7	15	14	180	5	97	695	180	141	55	81	28	44	44	74	67	61	22	22	2000	1630	5100	
Third Ch. Philad'ia	F. M. Wilson	Franklin and Dauphin Sts.	7	4	5	6	170	2	165	40	435	2773	1115	64	113	30	13	44	510	18	5	5	*450	5632	11223	
	E. J. Feuersohn	800 S. Fifth St.																								
No. Congregations	3	No. of Ministers	20	10	36	35	514	9	347	86	1230	3425	1329	151	232	74	83	100	715	111	40	40	4050	9250	20830	

* For 3 months.

Rochester

Almonte.	Geo. M. Robb.	Almonte, Ontario.	4	4	1	1	70	1	60	166	90	60	35	35	18	20	21	7	22	8	13	a725	441	1661	
Lisbon.	Walter C. M'Clurkin.	Ogdenburg, N. Y., R. F. D. 1	3	2	1	1	29	25	30	22	6	40	9	9	7	6	9	4	11	2	4	a300	87	507	
Lochiel.	J. R. Latimer.	Brodie, Ontario.	3	3	4	---	29	---	---	60	56	63	25	31	14	10	9	25	5	2	3	b500	200	998	
Sterling M. S.	---	H. Dugan, 211 W. Newell, Syr'e	1	1	---	---	65	---	---	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	3	---	18	48	
Syracuse.	A. A. Wylie.	332 Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.	5	4	3	---	77	40	40	30	93	67	49	24	17	8	13	12	22	18	5	935	473	1744	
York.	J. B. Gilmore.	York, Livingston Co., N. Y.	5	5	1	---	89	1	68	30	140	80	76	32	31	18	14	15	29	21	5	b900	539	1904	
	Wm. McFarland.	204 W. Lafayette Ave., Syracuse	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
No. Congregations.	5	No. of Ministers.	21	14	6	5	289	2	223	60	486	304	293	125	128	65	63	57	92	72	23	36	3360	1758	6862
		Totals.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

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b. Including Manse.

Summary

CONTRIBUTIONS

PRESBYTERIES	CONTRIBUTIONS												
	Total	Miscellaneous	Salary paid by Congregation	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Aged Ministers' Fund	Testimony Bearing	National Reform	Church Erection	Theological Seminary	Jewish Mission	Indian Mission	Southern Mission	Home Mission
Colorado	4	11	11	10	47	58	15	13	18	20	45	111	445
Iowa	9	2477	2773	10	47	58	15	13	18	20	45	111	445
Illinois	8	5477	7112	49	143	535	1457	114	149	522	587	862	978
Kansas	18	5438	3674	23	113	206	81	80	27	152	246	481	669
New York	16	13454	11337	136	475	577	1201	304	279	825	608	1271	2558
New Brunswick & Nova Scotia	3	8824	16761	86	431	429	2898	160	207	328	694	592	1390
Ohio	13	587	1140	6	11	12	4	10	3	32	41	133	193
Pacific Coast	6	3609	5050	48	113	258	241	72	61	312	292	285	665
Pittsburg	26	3020	3291	37	107	273	79	76	48	137	101	458	489
Philadelphia	3	19255	19337	161	461	3886	9194	418	259	1444	868	1615	2642
Rochester	5	9250	4050	40	111	715	100	83	74	232	151	3425	1329
Mission in Syria	---	1758	3360	36	23	92	57	63	65	128	125	293	304
Mission in China	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
No. Presbyteries 11.	111	73199	79085	687	619	2084	27037	1393	1240	4136	3758	7422	13758
Totals	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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